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Council criticised as shops struggle

Poor trading sees 20 businesses close

by Harry Walton

WORRIED businesses are demanding more help from Weymouth and Portland council as shops close and trading figures plummet.

Nearly 20 town centre shops now stand empty with similar numbers vacant on Portland.

Traders claim that a bad

Christmas has been followed by a disastrous January and they are angry that the council is not doing more to help them.

Typical of businesses battling to survive are Francis and Sybil Drake who run Antonio's Café in St Mary Street.

Mr Drake said: "Christmas was terrible for us, disastrous, and January has been even worse yet we have not only had no help from the council but they haven't even bothered to contact us to ask how we are doing."

"I am a director of the Weymouth Business Improvement District, but it

is still finding its feet.

"For instance. The Christmas Victorian Shownight was very good for those parts of the town centre where it took place, but for us and other businesses at the top of St Mary Street and St Thomas Street it was deserted.

"I only took £70 all day despite staying open 12 hours and I had to pay staff out of that so we made a big loss.

"That can be remedied in 2014 by talking to the BID, getting them to realise what needs to be done and making sure Victorian Shownight has a wider spread of events,

but myself and other businesses need all year round help from the council as well.

"I would like to see free Weymouth parking from September to March in all council car parks to encourage more visitors and if the council says it can't afford to do that then I want to know why."

Weymouth and Portland transport spokesman Councillor Christine

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HORTICULTURALIST Nigel Ball grew up in Uplyme and Lyme Regis, now living in Lyme with his wife Karen and son Ashley.

Nigel has his own horticultural business and is well-known in the local area for his involvement and success at many flower shows, particularly for his vegetable entries.

● **HOW did you get into horticulture?**

I got into horticulture working at Blossom Hill Nurseries in Uplyme. Walt Keeley and Roy and Anne Keeley took me under their wing. I knew this was the path I would take from the age of 10 years old.

● **WHAT do you enjoy about the job?**

I enjoy meeting people and trying to create a garden that suits customers' needs. Also, I try to inspire people to grow plants for show and pleasure. It's great being outdoors when the weather is good and you're working with nature.

● **YOUR family's vegetable entries have swept the board at local flower shows... what are your top tips?**

My top tips are use high quality seeds and composts, this will give you the best results. Join a society, such as the National Vegetable Society, or your local horticultural society and, above all, ask questions when you can. You can always learn something new.

● **WHAT are the easiest and hardest things to grow?**

This is quite difficult because some people have the knack of growing things and other people find it difficult. Easy plants to grow are annual bedding plants, such as French of African marigolds. Also, mustard cress is easy for children starting out in gardening. More difficult vegetables to grow to a high standard of showing purposes are long leeks, large onions from seed and potatoes that have to be uniform size and shape – this takes some skill and practice.

● **ARE you a member of any local groups?**

I am a member of Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society, Axminster Allotment and Leisure Gardeners and I help with their show and stand at Axe Vale Festival. I belong to Plant Heritage (Dorset), the Royal Horticultural Society and National Vegetable



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Society, and I'm a life-member of the Royal Dahlia Society. I'm also involved in raising money for Help For Heroes, mainly by giving lectures on growing vegetables and donating my fees to the charity.

● **WHAT are your other personal interests?**

I enjoy writing poetry for pleasure. I also have four ferrets, which I use to go ferreting. I am also interested in local life and what goes on in and around Lyme Regis.

● **WHAT do you like about Lyme Regis?**

The mix of people, the change of seasons and also the views of the coastline and looking back out to Uplyme at the views over the countryside. We must never take this for granted.

● **WHAT do you think the town is missing?**

I think the big thing that is missing in Lyme Regis is the lack of affordable housing for young people. Developers should be made to build smaller houses at low cost and not rely on housing associations to run the housing market after they have creamed all the profits and left the town. A new policy needs to be put in place for this from central government.

● **WHAT would you do if you won the Lottery?**

This is difficult but I would by any ground that came available to build houses for young people to buy at low cost. After this, I would plough the money back into building more houses. Therefore, young people of the town could live here. They may never get the chance to buy a house here in Lyme Regis.

● **WHICH three people would you invite to your dream dinner party?**

My wife, of course, Sir Gillean Prance and my dentist, Monica Symes.

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■ **DAVEY Moore** with an atlas and objects from various Weymouths he has visited

A PENSIONER is tackling an amazing quest to visit every Weymouth all over the world.

Davey Moore was born in Weymouth, Dorset, and brought up in the town before leaving for a Merchant Navy life which took him all over the world for 20 years.

He then spent a year in Australia before returning to Weymouth where he rebuilt a sailboat which he sailed to Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Davey, 65, said: "This was the second Weymouth I had been to and it kindled a desire I had always had to visit other Weymouths round the world."

His interest developed into an odyssey and he has so far managed to visit five different Weymouths in the USA, New Zealand, Tasmania and Canada.

The intrepid seafarer nearly lost his life in 1996 when, en route in a 25ft wooden sailboat to Weymouth, New Zealand, he was ship-

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wrecked in the Cook Islands after five and a half months at sea.

Davey said: "I hit a reef, lost the boat, gashed my leg and was washed ashore. My leg got infected and the local doctors wanted to cut it off... but I talked them out of that!"

He managed to get to Weymouth, Nova Scotia, in a steel boat he built himself and sailed out from Boston in 1999 while his fourth Weymouth, in Tasmania, was reached in 2009 during a visit to Australia before he finally reached Weymouth in New Zealand - his fifth Weymouth - in 2011 during a year's stay in the country.

Davey is now planning a trip to the Caribbean where he hopes to visit Weymouth on Barbados and Weymouth in Saint

Ann, Jamaica, and he also has his eye on the USA with visits planned to Weymouth in Atlantic County, New Jersey, and Weymouth in Medina County, Ohio.

Davey said: "I had a rough idea of trips to look for more Weymouths and I am very grateful to the View From for identifying a few more Weymouths for me to go and find. I certainly didn't know about the one in Barbados despite being there scores of times. That was a real eye-opener!"

Davey brings back mementos of each Weymouth he visits and these range from beach stones to tapestries and prints.

He said: "The first new Weymouth I plan to try and visit is in New Jersey and I hope to be able to get there this summer."

Davey, who now lives in Plymouth, Massachusetts, makes sure that his home town of Weymouth in Dorset gets exhibits from all the Weymouths he visits and these are stored in the town's mu-

seum and archive where they have been displayed in the past.

Davey said: "I hope my new Weymouths will yield enough objects to create a new display here in the museum."

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Businesses need more support

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James said: "We have provided free overnight parking which many people wanted but free parking from September to March is unrealistic."

"The BID has the money, it has the members and it must take on board what traders' feelings are and, if it can, act to answer those concerns. We are willing to sit down and work with the BID, but goals have to be reasonable and attainable."

Weymouth BID manager Nigel Reed said: "The BID was formed to halt a decline in footfall into the town. We are there to help businesses and make sure Weymouth is seen as a destination for visitors. Once we get those visitors into town it is an opportunity for businesses to attract them into their premises."

Mr Drake added: "I would also like the council to consider reducing our rates because there are so many empty shops that it is wrong to penalise us for trying to stay open."

"Other traders feel the same way and agree with me that something has got to be done before even more shops close."

"It is like a cancer in the town and if the council doesn't do something soon then there won't be a town centre and everyone will shop in Dorchester, Yeovil or Poole."

Weymouth and Portland economic development spokesman Councillor Ian Munro-Price said the council was sympathetic with town centre traders.

He added: "I am very confident in the future of the town centre but town centres are changing throughout the country, so it is important that we make sure that Weymouth stays a vibrant destination."

He added that business rates were the responsibility of the Government, but the council had provided support by cash backing the BID and was committed to its future which would see the BID have £1.5 million to spend on boosting the town over the next five years.

Mr Munro-Price said: "It is very difficult. Empty



■ **FRANCIS Drake** outside Antonio's Café

shops are a common theme across the country, but that is no comfort to Weymouth shopkeepers.

"The town centre is only one portion of the local economy but it gets a high proportion of council attention and we are trying to help with projects such as the seafront regeneration scheme."

"The council will also be looking at the town centre master plan over the coming year to pull together everything to do with the town centre including land uses, future development aspirations and general prospects for the economy."

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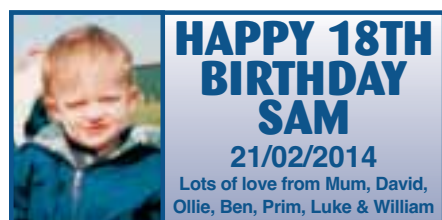
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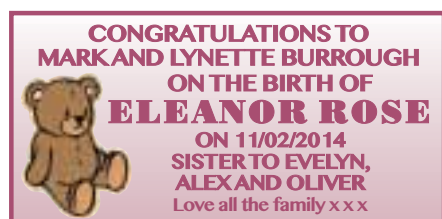
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Councillors agree tax rise

A COUNCIL tax increase of 1.99 per cent has been agreed by members of Dorset County Council for 2014/15 – the first rise in four years.

It will bring the council's charge for a band D property to £1,191.51 – an extra £23.22 a year. This will be added to precept charges from district/borough councils, town/parish councils, Dorset Police and Dorset Fire Authority to give the total council tax amount.

At a meeting of the full council, 34 members voted for and five against the proposal. There was one abstention.

In his budget speech, leader of Dorset County Council, Councillor Spencer Flower said: "For the last three years this council has, quite rightly, maintained a freeze on council tax. However, this council, along with many others, has reached the point whereby any further reduction in funding is likely to have a serious impact on the delivery of frontline services.

"The increase on the county council precept is £23.22 per year for a band D council tax payer, or around 45 pence per week, which is in line with the current low level of inflation. I believe this is a small price to pay to avoid a further £1.8million cut to the base budget."

Councillor Flower told members that, although the council has saved more than £60million over the last three years, another £43million needs to be saved by 2017.

He said that around £28million in potential savings had already been identified in the Forward Together change programme including adult social care, transport, highways and children's services.

Councillor Flower also highlighted the importance of working with partners for the benefit of local communities.

"It is also important that we work closely with all our public service partners in Dorset to make public funds go further; collaborating wherever possible and making the best use of the resources available" he added.

Councillor Flower emphasised the importance of continuing to invest in the future despite funding constraints and said the council would be investing £188

million in capital projects over the next three years, including:

- new IT systems for adult social care, children's services and the library service
- essential repairs to Hayward Main Bridge at Shillingstone

- a new salt barn at the Charminster Depot
- a joint project with East Dorset District Council to provide a new civic centre

• rolling out Superfast Broadband across Dorset
"Our investment programme confirms our commitment to the communities of Dorset that we mean to ensure, as best we can, that care is taken to look after present and future generations," he said.

Councillor Flower also announced plans to give every county councillor £5,000 to spend on county council services in the local communities that they serve.

The council's total net budget for 2014/15 is £272.4 million and, with continued falls in Government grants, will reduce in future years, Councillor Flower added: "It is imperative that we continue to look for efficiency savings in everything we do, and look to make radical and far-reaching changes in service delivery in order to maintain or improve the quality of life for our residents, within an ever reducing budget.

"Later this year we want local people to have their say on the priorities they think the council should concentrate on. It's important the council has a good understanding of the services residents value and that are making a real difference to people's lives.

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Storms continue to batter coast

WEYMOUTH and Portland are recovering from a monster storm which lashed the area with winds of more than 80mph.

Portland Beach Road was closed late at night when more than four feet of floodwater submerged the route and a rest centre at Weymouth College was opened for motorists unable to return to the island. Weymouth Pavilion also opened its doors to help those affected by the storm.

There was structural damage to some properties in Wyke Regis and police had to lead people to safety from the island's Cove House Inn at Chiswell when huge waves began to fire shingle up on to the front.

Preston Beach Road in Weymouth was also shut while there was a landslip and more tidal flooding at West Bay. Emergency services, council staff and military personnel evacuated some people and alerted others whose homes

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were under threat.

Rest centres were opened at sites such as Portland Methodist Church and the Crown Inn at West Bay while residents were also assisted with transport, advice and medical help. West Bay and Chiswell both needed big clear-up operations after the storm.

Flood warnings were issued for several places including Weymouth seafront and free sandbags were available from local councils for people in genuine need.

Winds gusting to 81mph battered Dorset, bringing down scores of trees and power cables which left many homes without electricity.

Lorries were blown over on the A35 and there was

flooding at numerous spots across South and West Dorset

Ten-metre waves smashed into the shoreline and a Jurassic Coast landslip warning was issued for the "real threat to anyone on coastal paths, clifftops and beaches". People were urged to stay away from the coast if at all possible.

River communities were warned to prepare for raised water levels because of heavy rain, adding to the existing river, ground and road surface water problems.

Weymouth weatherman Bob Poots said Weymouth had now had its wettest winter since records began in 1886 with more than a week of February still to go. Nearly double the usual rainfall for February has already fallen, he said.

Forecasters predict a calmer period for the next few days but more storms are on the way.

Police warn of phone scam

POLICE have issued a warning after people in the Weymouth area contacted them about telephone calls they have been receiving from a company with a similar name to The Telephone Preference Service.

A police spokesman said: "This company is offering to stop all unwanted calls including those from international call centres and charges large sums of money for this service."

"Please be wary of these offers as they often supply a useless piece of equipment or a non-service. The Telephone Preference Service is free and also covers mobile numbers."

New time, new venue

SOMERSET and Dorset Family History Society is holding its February meeting at a new time and a new venue on February 21st at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Weymouth, at 2.30pm.

Refreshments will be served from 2pm and the talk is by Blue Badge guide Rob Curtis who will talk about Dorset Curios. All are welcome.

Island art exhibition

AN exhibition with a difference is running until March 23rd at Portland's Jackson Gallery in Fortuneswell where visitors have a chance to win a pet portrait worth £200.

Becky Blake is an illustrator living and working on Portland who has created an exhibition, Whist Out With The Dog, celebrating the island's wildlife and characters.

Beck and her dogs, Abi and Buzz, walk the island and Becky captures on film some of the life they meet from bunnies to kestrels, taking those images back to her studio to be worked up into paintings.

Every creature reminds her of some local person and she says that "all have a story to be told."

The exhibition runs every day except Monday from 10am-4pm.

Phase two gets the green light

PLANNING permission has now been granted to DJ Property for phase two of Link Park, in Chickerehll, Weymouth.

The second phase will consist of seven units measuring between 1,500 sq ft and 2,500 sq ft and are aimed at being particularly attractive to small and medium sized local businesses looking to expand into high quality new commercial space.

Units will be of high quality with ample parking next to Phase 1 which already has occupiers such as Screwfix, Topps Tiles, Toolstation, Euro Car Parts and Halfords promising a high footfall.

DJ chief executive Mickey Jones

said: "Almost all units on the Granby Industrial Estate, Lynch Lane Industrial Estate and Link Park are currently occupied which is the highest level in the past six years."

"We are entering a period of strong business growth and development after some quieter years and local businesses are demanding high quality business space for expansion."

"The next phase of development at Link Park will be seven high quality business units which will benefit from their close proximity to the many national trade counters already in situ at Link Park. Having such strong national brands oc-

cupying Phase 1 will be a huge benefit to a local business choosing phase two."

"Phase two of Link Park will create many new jobs when fully occupied. I am really excited about how Link Park is developing into a premier business location."

Construction of Phase 2 will start in a few weeks time and the units should be ready for occupation by late Summer 2014.

All units will have good green credentials with reduced cost solar PV electricity, upgraded insulation to reduce heating bills and direct access onto Weymouth's cycle network.



■ MICKEY Jones at Link Park

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Dog attacked on beach

POLICE in Weymouth are appealing for witnesses to come forward after a man and his dog were attacked by another dog on Weymouth Beach.

The incident happened at approximately 8pm on Tuesday, February 11th near the Esplanade on Weymouth Beach. The dog was left badly injured and the man sustained minor hand injuries.

Sergeant Scott McFarland, of Weymouth police, said: "The dog was being walked along the beach off the lead when it was attacked by a Staffordshire Bull Terrier. The offending dog latched itself on to its throat and had to be pulled away by the victim's owner and a passer-by. Both the man and his dog had to receive medical treatment.

"This incident has caused a great deal of distress and left the owner very shocked.

"I am particularly keen to speak to two women, who also had two or three other dogs with them, who were seen with the Staffordshire Bull Terrier at the time. I urge them to come forward to help us ascertain exactly what happened.

"I would like to speak the owner of the offending dog and to any witnesses or anyone with information as soon as possible."

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101, quoting incident number 11:421.

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The shop has Windows 7 and Windows 8 laptops to play with and an iPad for those who wish to see what a tablet can do. Staff can also talk to visitors about broadband and what sort of laptop they may need.

The service is free and cups of tea are available. Anyone with any queries should phone Jane Askew 01305 269444.

Sport England cash boost for Sailability

by Harry Walton

DISABILITY sport in Weymouth and Portland is set to receive a welcome boost after Chesil Sailability received an £8,820 award from Sport England to buy new equipment.

The money will be used to bring in safety and training equipment which will open up opportunities for disabled people in Weymouth and Portland to start sailing.

Chesil Sailability chairman Hugh de Jongh said: "This is a fantastic show of support from Sport England for disability sailing and will enable us to purchase essential equipment

to keep us safe on the water and help us train and develop our sailors so they can reach their potential on and off the water."

Sport England insight director Lisa O'Keefe said: "We know that many organisations and clubs delivering sport struggle to provide sporting opportunities for disabled people because of a lack of access to specialist equipment.

"We are delighted to award these vital funds to Chesil

Sailability which will play a transformative role in opening up sport to many people who previously found it inaccessible.

"The award is part of Sport England's 'Get Equipped' fund which was designed to build on the success of the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

"National Lottery funding worth £1 million is being distributed to organisations across England to allow them

to provide specialist equipment which will help make sport a practical choice for many more disabled people inspired by the Games.

"As a 2012 legacy project, based at the 2012 Paralympic sailing venue, this award is helping our legacy continue."

The number of disabled people playing sport regularly is on the rise. In December, Sport England's Active People Survey - an annual, in-depth measure of the nation's sporting habits - revealed that a record number of disabled people in England now play

sport each week.

The number of disabled people aged 16 and over playing sport once a week has increased by 62,000 over the last year, bringing the total number to its highest recorded figure of 1.67 million, 351,000 more than in 2005 when London won the bid to host the Games.

However, non-disabled people are still twice as likely to play sport as disabled people (39.2 per cent compared to 18.5 per cent) so Sport England continues to focus attention and investment to address this imbalance.

Singers donate £200 to charity

A RECENT concert has enabled Portland Singers to make a £200 donation to the British Heart Foundation.

Portland Singers are a registered charity and over the years have given significantly to both local and national organisations.

The choir would like to thank everyone for their support and participation and are always happy to welcome new members to their rehearsals at Weymouth Bay Church.

They will next perform Faure's Requiem over the Easter period. Anyone interested in joining or supporting the choir should phone 01305 774839 for further information.



HANDING over the cheque. From the left are PS chairman Denis Lackenby, Dr Michael and Mary Watson, Ann Rendall and Portland Singers president Pete Mowlem



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Commissioner leads safety project for schoolchildren

DORSET Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill has visited St Nicholas and St Laurence Primary School in Weymouth to join pupils for the film premiere of a community safety video.

The film was created by pupils at St Nicholas and St Laurence Primary School, Scallywags Nursery, Wyvern Academy, Wey Valley School and the Horticultural Society in Weymouth.

It formed part of their project "Safe For Us" which aims to raise awareness of community concerns. The cameras used to produce the film were funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The film explores four questions: What does it mean to be safe? What makes you feel safe? What makes you feel unsafe? What would you change to feel safer?

The common theme across all age groups was that being in familiar settings with people they knew and trust made them feel safe. Other responses included the fear of talking to strangers, bullying and feeling in-



DORSET PCC Martyn Underhill with pupils from St Nicholas and St Laurence Primary School, Scallywags Nursery, Wyvern Academy and Wey Valley School

by Harry Walton

timidated by groups of people.

Mr Underhill said: "I am proud to be involved in such a wonderful community project and I thank the pupils involved for all their hard work."

"It is important that we work together to deal with community safety

issues. By raising awareness, we can help cut crime and reduce the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

"In my address to St Nicholas and St Laurence Primary School, I also asked pupils to speak out about bullying and not to suffer in si-

lence. I want young people to understand that tackling bullying is everyone's responsibility."

Headteacher of St Nicholas and St Laurence Primary School, Helen Williams said: "I would really like to say a big thank you to the pupils involved and to Jo Neale, one of our teaching staff, and her hus-

band Ian. They spent most of the weekend editing the film. Without everyone's commitment this quite incredible project would not have been possible."

Care home staff Ramp up the Red

STAFF and residents at Care South's Buxton House care home in Weymouth invited friends, families and the local community to go as red as they dared as part of the British Heart Foundation's Ramp up the Red initiative.

Staff held a coffee morning and raffle and asked participants to embrace all things red to raise money for heart research, Buxton becoming a sea of red on the day with every member of staff wearing the colour.

Everyone enjoyed a cup of coffee and a slice or two of the bright red cake baked by the home's chef. The home also held a raffle with an exciting array of prizes with all funds raised donated to the British Heart Foundation.

Buxton manager Mark Dobson said: "Staff and residents



FROM the left are home administrator Emma Daniels and activities co-ordinator Dawn Collinson

had a great time at our Ramp up the Red coffee morning, supporting a really fantastic cause.

"Everyone knows

someone who has been affected by heart disease so it was a great initiative to get behind. Staff made a real effort with their bright red

outfits and our home-made red cake was delicious! We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along."


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A knockout fundraiser for charity

PEOPLE are being encouraged to join Dorset's disability charity, Diverse Abilities Plus, for its second "It's a Knockout" competition on Sunday, June 22nd, at Lodmoor Country Park in Weymouth.

It is a chance to relive the magic of TV's greatest tournament while raising money to support children and adults with disabilities and their families across the county.

Supported by Weymouth and Portland Borough council, the It's a Knockout event is a fun-filled, action-packed day of games replicating the BBC TV show that aired during the 1960s and 1980s.

Teams will compete head to head with each other in many out of the ordinary games in a bid to be crowned victorious.

DAP events fundraiser Sharon Wells said: "Why not get a team of friends, family or work colleagues together and join the fun in this action packed adventure race."

"By signing up for this amusing event, participants will be actively supporting the work of the local charity, and will have a lot of fun

in doing so."

The event starts at 10am and will be finished by 12.30pm to give participants an opportunity to spend time in Weymouth after the event.

To take part a team of eight to 12 people are required and participants must be aged 16 years or older. All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Diverse Abilities Plus is offering half price entry fees if participants register for the event by March 21st, saving the team £60.

A minimum of £600 per team (just £50 per person to fundraise) is also required as sponsorship for the event. The team entry fee after March 21st will be £120, which is approximately £10 per person for a full team.

To view a snapshot of last year's event or to find out more, visit www.diverseabilities-plus.org.uk/events.

For more information, or to book your team, contact Sharon Wells at Diverse Abilities Plus on 01202 718266 or email sharon.wells@diverseabilitiesplus.org.uk.



■ A SCENE from last year's It's a Knockout competition

Go for a march in March

PEOPLE are being urged to get their boots on for two "March in March" sponsored walk events for Weldmar Hospice-care Trust.

Both take place on March 23rd with one in South Dorset and one in North Dorset.

The south walk will take place in Weymouth and Portland, starting and ending at Osprey Leisure Centre, and this is the second year that it has taken place.

The north Dorset walk is happening for the first time and is along the North Dorset Trailway to Sturminster Newton, starting and ending at Shillingstone Station.

Weldmar South Dorset community fundraiser Mark Howlett said: "We are really looking forward to having our second March in March in Weymouth and Portland and are very grateful to Osprey Leisure Centre for their support."

"This year's family, pram and dog friendly walk starts and fin-

ishes at Osprey Leisure Centre, is flat and will take in the views across Portland Harbour. This is a fun walk for everyone and we look forward to a great day!"

The walk is approximately six miles in total, but walkers can turn around at any point if the weather isn't being kind or if their feet are feeling tired. There will be some fun for little ones along the route if they wish to take part, along with some tasty treats for everyone.

Registration for the walk costs £8 for adults and £4 for anyone under 16.

Walkers can register online now by visiting www.weld-hospice.org.uk/march-in-march or paper registration forms can be found at Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester; Trimar Day Hospice in Weymouth; Hammick House in Poundbury and Osprey Leisure Centre on Portland.

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The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...
by Geoff Treleven

Living as hermits

SOMEONE once told me about himself and his partner that they always kept themselves to themselves.

This meant they lacked friends who could help if needed and had little or no association with neighbours. To me, it sounded a very lonely life and, from what I knew of them, it was. Initially, I thought they were a married couple and then discovered they were not.

I could wonder how many others lead similar lives, but it certainly is not the kind of life I would choose. Speaking personally, my wife and I are blessed with a great circle of friends. In our case, these are largely, but not entirely, associated with our church connections.

My general understanding of scripture indicates that we are not meant to live in isolation. When our Lord lived among us for some 33 years, He chose a number of close friends as well as befriending all who came to Him.

Sadly, I realise there are many broken relationships. But this is something we try hard to avoid and, if it happens, we are deeply hurt. As the Bible instructs: "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:18).

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Ruth, 103, walks the walk for Alzheimer's

A DORCHESTER centenarian is going to walk seven miles to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society in Weymouth.

Ruth Moon, 103, is a resident at Glencairn Care Home in Dorchester, and will tackle the walk on Saturday, February 22nd accompanied by members of her family.

She will walk 3.5 miles along the sea front at Weymouth to Preston where everyone will recharge their batteries at the Cafe Oasis before they walk back again.

Her family say that Ruth has lots of energy, enjoys walking and has wanted to make use of this ability to "do some good".

Though full of life, Ruth is very conscious that her short term memory has gone almost completely, she can get very confused and has lost the ability to read or follow a TV play or drama. The spouses of



■ RUTH Moon, aged 103, prepares to walk seven miles for the charity Alzheimer's Society

two of her four children are being treated for Alzheimer's.

For many years Ruth was a volunteer for Manchester University in their research into the

ageing process and they still keep in touch, her family feeling that it is "very appropriate" for her to do a charity walk to raise money for Alzheimer's Society to

support their fight against dementia. Anyone who would like to support Ruth and Alzheimer's can do so via www.justgiving.com/Ruth-Moon.

Dorset Healthcare appoints new chairman

ANN Abraham has been formally announced as the new Chair of Dorset HealthCare – bringing a wealth of public sector and parliamentary experience to the local NHS Trust.

Ann from Gaunt's Common near Wimborne will begin her new role on April 7th, replacing current interim Chairman Sir David Henshaw.

Prior to her appointment, Ann held the position of Parliamentary Ombudsman for the UK and Health Service Ombudsman for England. During her ten-year tenure in these posts, she published a number of high profile reports that identified failings in NHS care, including the care of older people (Care and Compassion?) and people with learning disabilities (Six Lives). It also allowed her to be involved in a variety of high profile, national developments, including giving evidence to the Francis enquiry.

Ann was also Legal Services Ombudsman for England and Wales from 1997 to 2002 and prior to this, she held the position of Chief Executive for six years with the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux (now Citizens Advice).

Her earlier career was spent in local government and the Housing Corporation, where her particular focus was on housing and services for people with special needs. In addition to her execu-



■ ANN Abraham

tive work, other career highlights include serving on the UK Committee on Standards in Public Life and holding the Chairmanship of the British and Irish Ombudsman Association (now the Ombudsman Association).

Ann is currently a Non-Executive Director with Dorset HealthCare and a Non-Executive Director of Health Education England, which provides national leadership and funding for the education and training of the healthcare workforce.

She is also a trustee of the Picker Institute Europe, a not-for-

profit organisation that works with patients, professionals and policymakers to make patients' views count in healthcare.

Delighted with her new role at Dorset HealthCare, Ann said: "I am looking forward enormously to working for such a multi-faceted NHS Trust – my aim is to work with governors, board colleagues, staff, patients, carers and partner organisations to deliver safe, effective person-centred care of the highest possible quality in Dorset and beyond."

Ann was appointed by the trust's publicly elected Council of Governors.

Patricia Scott, Lead Governor, added: "Ann impressed us all with her obvious passion for healthcare and her desire to bring about continuous service innovation."

"With her experience and board level input we are confident that the people of Dorset will benefit from patient care of the highest standard."

Ann was educated at Kingswood Grammar School in Bristol, before studying German and Philosophy at the University of London.

She was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Law from the University of Winchester. Married with grown up step-children, Ann's favourite pastimes are gardening and exploring the Dorset countryside.

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■ CHILDREN making fat balls for birds

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Kids go wild this half term

CHILDREN are being invited to some half term close encounters with nature at Dorset Wildlife Trust's Lorton Meadows site in Weymouth and the Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre of Portland Beach Road.

Events include "I Love Wildlife" as well as the usual family events programme at Lorton. This half term the community conservation officers are also introducing a brand new activity for eight to 11-year-olds, Wildlife Detectives at £4 per child, where young people will be able to use stealth and skill to discover the creatures lurking at Lorton.

Community conservation officer Sam Dallimore said: "Spring is just starting to make its presence felt on the reserve and it's a great time of year to get outdoors whatever the weather.

"We'll be exploring the reserve in all its muddy glory mixing smelly cocktails and we'll also be getting creative with natural art and burning off some energy with wildlife games. We'd love to see you. Just

meet at the Lorton Conservation Centre at 10.30am on February 20th – and don't forget your wellies!"

Anyone with younger children can embrace Lorton Caterpillar Kids family events at just £2 per child with adults free and on Wednesday, February 19th (today), a Mini Nature Reserves event will give children an opportunity to explore the woods and meadows and create a mini nature reserve to take home.

On Friday, February 21st, Caterpillar Kids Boggarts of the Wild Woods will be exploring the woods, making boggarts for the trees and wood elf puppets to take home.

Anyone who would like to join an event at Lorton Meadows should phone 01305 816546 and book a place to avoid disappointment.

All half term events start at 10.30am and finish at 12.30pm.

Lorton Meadows Conservation Centre is on Lorton Lane, Weymouth, DT3 5QH.

Magical ride for academy

DELIGHTED pupils were transported from wet and windswept Dorset to the wondrous world of Agrabah when M&M Theatrical Productions visited Wyvern Academy in Weymouth with their production of Aladdin.

Academy primary head Kelly Stinton said: "The children were thrilled by the story of Aladdin and his best friend, the mischievous yet loveable monkey Abu. A wonderful lamp that grants wishes and journeys on a flying carpet certainly injected some magic into our school day!"

M&M Theatrical Productions is the UK's largest touring theatre company and is expert in providing theatre-in-education and children's pantomime. All scripts are written in-house, so the audience receives a play appropriate for their needs.

Wyvern Academy is a specialist school for cognition and learning, providing highly individualised education for up to 86 pupils aged two - 19 years with complex learning difficulties, including autistic spectrum disorders.



■ ALADDIN comes to Wyvern Academy

Voice your concerns about coastal defences

RESIDENTS living near Preston Beach Road, Weymouth, are being invited to attend a drop-in session to give their views on recent storms and find out more about their local sea defence scheme.

The event hosted by the Dorset Coast Forum at the Spyglass Pub, Overcombe, is on Wednesday, February 26th from 4pm-7pm.

The Environment Agency, emergency planners, Weymouth and Portland council engineers and local geologists will be present to answer questions and talk to those affected by road and beach closures. People can

also give their views on flood warning systems in the area.

Environment Agency coastal engineer Neil Watson said: "We understand this can be a daunting time for the community and all agencies involved will be on hand to answer any questions residents may have about recent events in an honest and open manner.

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Health network meet to discuss service reviews

WEYMOUTH Fire Station on Radipole Lane is the venue of the next meeting of the Weymouth and Portland Health Network at 2.30pm on Thursday, February 20th.

Comprised of local NHS patients, the forum is provided by the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group, the county's general practitioners, who now control most of the Dorset NHS budget of more than £900 million.

WPHN chairman Michel Hooper Immins said: "Among topics to be discussed at the meeting are the progress of service reviews on physiotherapy and ophthalmology, new Clinical Commissioning Group campaigns on better information and how to involve social media.

"The Dorset CCG is committed to design services around patients and to engage with patients in all localities.

"We want to hear from patients in Weymouth and Portland so they can influence the future shape of health services in our borough.

We are intending to widen our representation by adding some more diverse members and a representative of every GP surgery in the borough.

"The Dorset CCG is committed to ensuring that effective listening mechanisms are put in place and that appropriate actions are taken as a result of what is heard."

Dorset is the third largest CCG in terms of population and the second largest in financial terms in the UK. It consists of 100 GP practices which are grouped into 13 geographical localities serving a total registered population of around 766,000.

The WPHN welcomes local NHS patients to their meetings.

Those interested should confirm attendance to Sue Brazier at the Dorset CCG at 01305 368908 or email sue.brazier@dorsetccg.nhs.uk.

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Post office to be brought up to date

By Harry Walton

extra 51 hours and 30 minutes of service a week. The extended hours include Saturday afternoon, Sunday and significantly earlier opening and much later closing.

Abbotsbury Road Post Office will close for refurbishment on March 10th at 5.30pm and the new-look branch will open on March 14th from 1pm.

Nearby branches include Charlestown Post Office at 426 Chickerell Road and Dorchester Road Post Office at 113 Dorchester Road.

Post Office area manager Adrian Skinner said: "We understand how important Post Office services are to the

people around Abbotsbury Road and we are confident that this new modern Post Office service will meet the needs of the local community and secure services for the future.

"The modernisation is part of a major investment programme to convert the Post Office network to new-style branches and this investment, the largest in the history of the Post Office, marks a commitment to no more branch closure programmes."

The Post Office, now independent of Royal Mail, is the largest retail network in the UK, with over 11,500 branches.

It is also one of the UK's fastest growing financial services companies and is developing its online and telephony services.

Confidence on the high seas

A TEENAGER is looking forward to a brighter future after a sailing adventure with a Weymouth based-charity helped build her confidence and conquer her fear of heights.

Cecilia Greaves, 19, from Camberley, was searching online for something exciting to take part in during her gap year, after studying German, Geography and Graphic Design at Farnborough Sixth Form College.

She said: "I was looking for an adventure and also to build experience for my CV when I came across a website for the tall ship T S Pelican, which is owned by a charity called Adventure Under Sail. They offer voyages for young people

to help build their skill set as well as offer recognised qualifications you can work towards whilst on-board. It looked like exactly the type of experience I was seeking."

Cecilia decided to take part in the Tall Ships Races, a youth festival organised by Sail Training International in which more than 150 tall ships and sail training vessels like the TS Pelican compete.

She chose leg two of the race; sailing from Riga, in Latvia, to Szczecin, in Poland, working in her local bookshop to help her fund the trip.

She said: "I was very nervous because I didn't know anyone else who

would be taking part in the voyage. Once I got on-board though, it was clear that everyone was feeling the same and we soon started chatting. It was great because the crew obviously knew that we would be feeling nervous and they gave us tasks to do together where we could start to get to know one another straight away."

The experienced and highly-skilled crew work with the young trainees to develop skills such as self-discipline, initiative, confidence and how to work effectively in a team. Cecilia thrived under the crew's influence and was encouraged to climb the mast – no easy feat for

someone who is scared of heights.

She said: "Climbing the mast was a huge achievement for me as I was previously really uncomfortable with heights. I was really proud of myself and feel that if I can manage to overcome my fear of heights then there is a lot more I am able to achieve as well if I put my mind to it."

Cecilia enjoyed her time onboard so much that she is currently volunteering onboard and helping with ship's maintenance in T S Pelican's home port of Weymouth.

She will be joining the ship once more for the Tall Ships Races 2014, taking part in race one, from Har-



■ CECILIA Greaves at the wheel

lingen (Netherlands) to Fredrikstad (Norway).

She said: "My advice to anyone who might be thinking of taking part in an adventure like this would be to seize the opportunity and not to be nervous. You will make friends, the crew are fan-

tastic and the charity Adventure Under Sail are available to support you with bursary funding if needed. The experience has really developed my confidence in so many ways and I know it is an excellent addition to my CV".

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

We should be grateful we live in a democracy

ISN'T it nice to see that a stumbling impoverished council like Weymouth and Portland is no different from a mighty super power like Russia.

Let's say, taking everything into account, that Weymouth and Portland might handle £30 million in its efforts to look after a community of nearly 70,000 souls for a year.

Internet troubles

HOW major organisations display their corporate thinking is frequently a cause for mirth.

Take the recent – and seemingly never ending – stormy weather which has been playing havoc with homes and farmland.

It has also been playing havoc with Internet access with millions of people affected.

So you might feel that one internet provider deserved a few brownie points for taking the trouble to inform its users that the reason they could not

gain access to the Internet was because of severe weather conditions which they were doing their best to overcome.

Sadly low pressure weather was matched by low pressure thinking since their message... .was put out on the internet!

The obvious conclusion from this was that people unable to get the internet because of the weather wouldn't have got this message and those able to get the internet didn't need the message!

It does its best with only an occasional collapsing harbour wall to show the council doesn't get it right all the time.

To put that in perspective, Russia has just blown 1,000 times that amount – a staggering £30 billion – on staging a couple of weeks of Olympic sports.

Now bearing in mind that Russia is perhaps not the most tolerant of countries when it comes to public airing of mistakes by its politicians, how many heads do you think will roll for the snowflake incident?

Didn't see that one eh? Well, for those of you who missed it, the lavish opening ceremony included a scene where five snowflakes gracefully transformed in to five Olympic rings to huge applause.....and probably a couple

of gunshots for whoever was in charge of the fifth snowflake which failed to open!

Now far be it for me to draw any parallels between cracks in harbour walls and snowflakes which don't open to order, but if our council politicians can be pilloried over their past and present performance dealing with sea-wall repairs then I venture to suggest that the "inquest" into what went wrong with the snowflake will be a lot briefer and probably involve a few extra headstones in Siberia.

So when you next heap abuse on our councillors heads remember that we are fortunate to live in a democracy which allows us to do that without fear that our human rights might take a beating.

Have the beer Gods heard my prayers?

WINDS gusting to more than 70mph have brought all manner of debris to land in people's gardens.

Paper, sweet wrappers, bits of wood and branches, bins and rubbish caddies and even a few weird objects such as plastic gnomes and various items of clothing.

All the arrivals up to now in our garden had been pretty much expected and have consisted of scores and scores of branches torn off

nearby trees not to mention a dustbin lid which I am still trying to reunite with its owner.

But all that changed when I came out the other morning to find that the storm had somehow picked up an object, twirled it through the air and landed it with precision just inside our front gate. The object in question was a colourful bar soak mat.

Those who know me may consider that this was the beer Gods looking

after one of their own, but it was still an amazing sight because the mat had landed so perfectly that it looked like it had been laid there.

Sadly a whole load of other storm crud was attached to it so God alone knows where it had come from and where it had been on the way to my place. Whatever, it will be cleared up eventually but not just yet. I'm waiting to see if the next storm blows in some beer to go with it!

Too good to be true?

THIS cautionary tale has been sent to me by a less than happy motorist.

He bought a second-hand car in early December from a reputable main dealer, the vehicle coming complete with a tax disc valid to August 2014.

To his horror he then received a letter from the DVLA's Enforcement department advising him that their roadside camera on the A354 had photographed him driving to work a month later... in an untaxed car!

He said the dealer contacted the previous owner and it emerged that they had got a refund on their tax a month before the unfor-

tunate motorist had bought the car.

He had to pay an £85 fine and tax his car seven months before he thought he would have to through no fault of his own.

The garage agreed to refund the fine, but the motorist said it took some persuading to get them to contribute towards the tax, adding: "I didn't think it was too much to expect them to put me back into the same position I thought I was already in."

"A lesson for all, I think, not to trust what would appear to be concrete proof. Lucky I didn't have an accident as I guess I wouldn't have been insured."

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The stock in the shop changes a lot and Sandy still does some antiques fairs collecting one off pieces for the shop

There are watches from as little as £40 to antique Cartier items so there is something for every budget.

The light and airy shop offers a warm welcome and a light-hearted yet professional approach. Items are buy, sell or part exchange and keep an eye on the website for offers.



Weymouth's newest auction house, **BREWERS QUAY AUCTION HOUSE** has an exciting mixture of lots coming up in the next auction, Saturday 1st March.


Featured in the pictures are a Sevres Style French Ormolu Mantle Clock, a Guy Sydenham Vase, a selection of African Tribal Art and a German Parlour Gun.

This auction also features a large quantity of books, many items of furniture and a wide range of ceramics.

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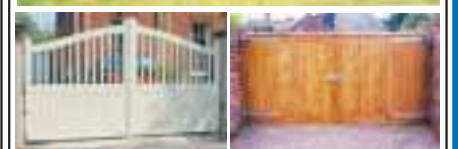
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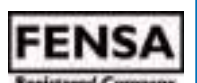
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Views sought on 'Your Future Council'

AN ambitious three year programme has been agreed to review district and borough council services across Weymouth and Portland and West Dorset.

Now councillors are to seek the views of local people, businesses and other key groups about the future role of the district and borough council under the rallying call 2020 Vision – Your Future Council.

The two authorities have already saved around £3million a year through their shared services partnership which sees one workforce delivering services for both authorities.

But every council in the country is facing huge cuts in

by Harry Walton

funding and financial forecasts show the two councils will need to find considerable further savings or additional income.

Harsh reality shows that by 2015-2016 West Dorset's government grant will reduce by 52.5 percent or £4million while Weymouth and Portland's government grant will fall by 56.8 percent or £2.9million

Weymouth and Portland corporate affairs spokesman Councillor Mike Goodman said: "We will be conducting in-depth reviews of all services - both those we have to

provide by law and those we choose to provide.

"There will be difficult decisions. Some services will stop, others will have to be delivered in significantly different ways. The views of the public and other important groups will be critical to getting this right."

West Dorset council leader Councillor Robert Gould said: "Our two authorities are taking a proactive approach and tackling this in a managed way.

"The service reviews will help ensure the councils are able to provide appropriate and affordable services which

best meet the future needs of local residents and businesses."

The first reviews will begin in April 2014 with decisions on any changes to services made by each council in the usual way.

They will include extensive public consultation.

To see the agreed programme of reviews go to www.dorsetforyou.com/2020vision.

Anyone who would like to give their views on future services and be kept informed as the reviews progress register for regular email updates direct from your council at www.dorsetforyou.com/e-news.

Help for county's weather battered road network

WORK on a string of highways construction schemes is being suspended to free up resources for Dorset's weather-ravaged roads.

County council crews are being redeployed to help tackle road repairs, blocked ditches and drainage problems caused by the current torrential downpours and strong winds.

The county's road network has suffered extensive damage since Christmas, which is likely to cost millions of pounds to put right, and there could be more bad weather before the end of the winter.

While the council is lobbying for extra Government money to help with the repair bill, its immediate priority is to keep roads open and safe to use.

Andrew Martin, Dorset County Council's head of highways operations, said: "The current weather has made it very difficult to carry out some of our construction projects cost effectively and, more importantly, safely. So we have decided to temporarily close down a number of schemes and divert resources to help the emergency response effort.

"More people will be available to tackle pothole repairs, clear out ditches and gullies, move fallen trees and ensure drainage systems are working properly. Even if the rain stops soon, we will have still have a sizeable backlog of issues to sort out, so it makes sense to suspend or delay these construction schemes for a

couple of weeks. We will assess progress next week, but our top priority is to keep roads clear and safe to use."

Unprecedented demand means the council has spent more than £700,000 on tackling weather-related highways problems since Christmas Eve. The long-term cost of repairs to the network is likely to be around £7 million, and the council will be pressing for its share of any emergency funds made available by the Government.

Information signs will be displayed at construction sites where work is suspended or delayed. Members of the public with any questions can contact 01305 221020 for further information.

Councillor Hilary Cox, the council's Cabinet member for environment, said: "Our highways teams are putting all their efforts into ensuring that our residents suffer as little as possible from storm-damaged roads, and making it safe for people to travel. We will worry about fully restoring them after the crisis has passed, when we will be applying to the Government for any support available.

"I would like to thank our tireless highways teams, who are continuing to work very hard in truly awful conditions."

The construction projects suspended over the next couple of weeks include: Portland Beach Road, Weymouth and Bradpole Cycleway, Bridport.

Search is on for Dorset's best village shop

A NEW category has been added to this year's Dorset's Best Village competition – that of Best Village Shop.

That section of the countywide contest has been sponsored by the county branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, which is based at the Little Keep, off Bridport Road, Dorchester.

Communities across the county are being asked to nominate the business which serves them best.

Overall organisers of the Best Village Competition, is another Dorchester-based organisation, Dorset Community Action which has run the annual competition for

the past 27 years.

Entries are welcome from parish councils and parish meetings, village hall committees and any other active community group.

Last year, 55 villages took part in the competition.

Magna Housing, another Dorchester-based organisation, has been the major sponsor for the competition since 2010 and has renewed its support this year.

In addition to the Best Village competition, "The People's Project" category - the village judged to have entered the best project involving local active people - con-

tinues and "Environmental Champions" - the village judged to be doing the most "Green" initiatives - has been enhanced to inspire and recognise villages working to reduce their impact on the environment at home, and in community buildings.

The deadline for entries is 5pm on Monday, April 7th, apart from the Environmental Champions Award where entrants have to register an interest in taking part by April 7th, with a final entry date of August 22nd.

Entry details can be found at: www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/dorsets_best_village.

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Volunteers urged to visit prisoners

An appeal has gone out to find more volunteers to visit prisoners in Dorset police cells.

Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill hopes to find more Independent custody visitors to swell the ranks of the existing 18.

The visitors inspect police cells and check on the welfare of those in detention and are able to make unannounced visits to custody suites across the county.

Three information sessions are being held for those interested in the role on February 28th and Monday, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 4th.

These events will be attended by current custody visitors.

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill said: "One of my strategic priorities is to ensure high standards of professionalism in Dorset Police. That includes the best possible standard of care in the county's custody function. I would like to welcome new members of the public who are keen to help the Force deliver on this aspect of the Police and Crime Plan."

Chair of the Dorset Custody Visiting Panel, Kathie Emery said: "The job of a custody visitor is essential. This is an extremely important role that checks on the welfare of people who are being held in custody. The visits provide detainees with the opportunity to raise a concern about their detention. The Custody Visitor will then raise the problem with the custody officers and the problem can be solved."

The closing date for applications is Friday, March 21st.

For details of how to apply visit www.dorset.pcc.police.uk where an application can be downloaded or contact Volunteers Manager Yvonne Fenwick on 01305 223433 or email yvonne.fenwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk

Flying the flag for Commonwealth Day

WEYMOUTH and Portland Borough Council and West Dorset District Council will join 500 local authorities and civic dignitaries, community groups and charities throughout the British Isles and Channel Islands in a flag raising event and ceremony of dedication to mark Commonwealth Day.

To mark Commonwealth Day both councils will be conducting flag raising ceremonies at 10am on Monday, March 10th at their respective council offices.

The borough council's flag raising ceremony will take place at the North Quay offices flag pole hosted by The Mayor of Weymouth and Portland Councillor Ray Banham.

The district council's flag raising ceremony will take place at the front of South Walks House hosted by West Dorset District Council Chairman Councillor Gillian Summers.

Local community groups will be supporting the event which is open to the public.

Mayor of Weymouth and Portland Councillor Banham said: "We are delighted to have the opportunity to join the British Isles and Channel Islands in hosting a public flag raising event to recognise Commonwealth Day."

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District council chairman Councillor Gillian Summers said: "This is a great opportunity for West Dorset District Council to raise a flag for the first Commonwealth Day at our new building, South Walks House, on Commonwealth Day."

This new event helps people in their local communities to become involved and join with others nationwide in showing their commitment to the Commonwealth, appreciation of the values it stands for, and the opportunities offered to its citizens around the world.

Around the country national charity teams will mark the day by taking Commonwealth Flags to the top of the UK's four highest National Peaks to raise funds for their worthy causes. These are Cancer Research UK - Scafell Pike, England, Help for Heroes - Ben Nevis, Scotland, Walking with the Wounded - Mount Snowdon, Wales and Fields of Life - Slieve Donard, Northern Ireland.

Commonwealth Flags will also be flown at many locations of special significance including the four capital cities of the United Kingdom plus Land's End

in Cornwall- the most westerly point in England, St. David's in Pembrokeshire- the westernmost city in Wales, Carlisle in Cumbria- the northernmost city in England, Lowestoft in Suffolk- the easternmost town in England and Unst in the Shetland Islands- the most northerly inhabited island in Scotland.

Flags will also be raised at the Rothera Research Station on the Antarctic Peninsula, and at the Halley VI Research Station on the Brunt Ice Shelf, as well as King Edward Point and Bird Island in South Georgia.

"This will be the largest, single, raising of the Commonwealth Flag in the history of the Commonwealth", said Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster and originator of Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth.

"The success of this year's event bodes well for 2015 and the future as we extend the invitation to participate and involve all 53 countries of the Commonwealth and UK overseas territories, to make this the largest-ever annual occasion involving local communities throughout the worldwide Commonwealth family."

Make sure your smoke alarm is up to date

DORSET Fire and Rescue Service are asking people to make sure that their smoke alarms are up to date, in the right place and that they test them every month.

The service says a smoke alarm can give someone the few extra seconds they need to escape in a fire. While the majority of homes across the country now have an alarm fitted, most people are not aware that the average alarm has

a lifespan of just ten years and then needs replacing.

The service says people should:

- Test the smoke alarm by pushing the button on the first of every month;
- Check to see if the smoke alarm is still up to date;
- Make sure there is at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home;
- Fit smoke alarms on landings and

hallways and in rooms which have an electrical appliance, for example a heater, or other risk.

Kate Huelin, Prevention Manager said: "At this time of year, many people will be thinking of what they can do – big or small – to make a fresh start and improve their lives, homes and wellbeing."

"A smoke alarm can offer vital protection for you and your loved ones, but

most people simply fit and forget – they don't know if it might be coming to the end of its lifespan or not working at all.

"For most of us, there is nothing more important than keeping our loved ones safe and secure. So if your alarm is getting past its best or your top floor is missing an alarm of its own, make your New Year's resolution to fit new ones, test them on the first of every month and protect your loved ones in 2014."



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the gigs

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Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
Saturday Sun + The White Bicycles
Doors 7.30pm. £9/£7

Saturday 22nd Feb

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Real World
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Thick As Thieves 9.30pm

Sunday 23rd Feb

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Richard Kennedy 4-6pm

Friday 28th Feb

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Hi-Life Club Night: Brazilian Carnival

Doors 9.30pm. £5 door.
18+ / 16+ if accompanied by adult

Saturday 1st March

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
1/2 Jack
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Skinful 9.30pm
Social Club, BRADPOLE
Howling at the Moon 18+

Sunday 2nd March

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Jamming at The Crown 4-6pm

Thursday 6th March

Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Phil Beer Doors 7.45pm.
£15 adv/£16.50 door

Saturday 8th March

Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Tom McConville
Doors 7.45pm. £8 adv/ £10 door

STOMPIN' DAVE & OZ REFORM

The duo are set to play at The Sunray Folk Club

STOMPIN' Dave reunites with his old stompin' partner Oz for their first public appearance in their home county of Dorset for eight years. They will be at The Sunray Folk Club on Thursday, February 27th. From 1997 until 2006 Dave and Oz developed a cult following for their unique brand of folk and roots music, as duo Doctor Stomp and Professor Oz. They performed together at many festivals and events across the west country and beyond including several appearances at Glastonbury Festival. Recently Dave and Oz have begun doing occasional performances together again to great effect.

Described as "One of the world's greatest performers" by Maverick Magazine Bridport based Dave plays American roots music including old-time, bluegrass, blues, vintage country, folk, etc. He has been invited to perform at both The

Boogaloo Blues Festival on the Isle of Wight and The Great Dorset Steam Fair for over five years in succession. In recent years Dave has been regularly performing in art centres and theatres sometimes alongside touring musicians from the USA including W.C. Handy award winner Guy Davis, and International Bluegrass Achievement award winner Alice Gerrard, as well as many others.

2013 was quite a year for Stompin' Dave with festival appearances across the UK including Bestival, Towersey Folk Festival, The Cornish Folk Festival and National Banjo Day in London, as well as appearing at The Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Dave also regained his Friends Of Old-time Music and Dance (the UK's old-time music society) old-time banjo competition title. So don't miss Dave's first gig in the local area with his old friend Oz. Oz the perfect foil to Dave's exuberance adds guitar, fiddle, and dobro to Dave's singing, banjo, guitar, fiddle and flatfoot dancing. They will be at Broadmayne Village Hall, on Thursday, February 27th. Admission is £7 but an additional £1 club membership to The Sunray



DOCTOR STOMP & PROFESSOR OZ
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CHARITY GIG IN PORTESHAM

REVELLERS will be grabbing their partners for a night of Western song and dance in Weymouth next month.

Popular Bridport-based band No Country 4 Old Men are playing a special charity gig for adults with learning disabilities at the Centenary Club on Saturday March 1st.

The event, in aid of the Joseph Weld Trust, has been organised in memory of local woman, Andrea Macleod, who recently lost a long and brave battle with cancer.

Event organiser Mel Symes said: "Andrea endured a long and painful battle and sadly passed away just before Christmas.

"She was a friend to many and a huge fan of live music. We wanted to do something in Andrea's memory and a country and western night was perfect because it's just the sort of thing she would have enjoyed.

"During her illness, Andrea received great care and support from the Joseph Weld Trust in Dorchester and so we have decided to donate all the proceeds from the evening to them - something she would have been really pleased about."

Tickets for the event are priced at just £10 which includes a buffet. There will also be a prize raffle.

"It should be a fabulous night", added Mel, "and it would great to see a big crowd on the night. People are encouraged to wear western-style fancy dress but it is not compulsory.

"Can I also say a big thanks to No Country 4 Old Men, the Centenary Club and caterer, Paul Dixon, who have all helped tremendously in the organising of the event."

For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact 07542545281.



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Hip Hop Festival at the Electric

THE Electric Palace will present live performances from some of hip-hop's most promising and renowned artists/DJs in the UK on Saturday, March 15th.

The inaugural Hip Hop Festival has been designed to educate and entertain with workshops and performances featuring some of the brightest and active people in the music industry and Hip Hop culture.

Rapper, poet, artist, London-based Dizraeli is receiving critical acclaim for his lyrical content and instrumentation that is the best in the UK hip hop market at the moment. Their music is still underground but almost certainly for not much longer. This is an amazing opportunity not only to see Dizraeli & DownLow perform but also to learn the art of rhyming from the best.

Dizraeli & DownLow are fresh from the release of 'Everyone's A Winner - The Mixtape'. The pair have been making a huge impact in the past 12 months, sharing stages in the UK and France with legends like The Pharcyde, Mos Def, Foreign Beggars, Beardyman and DJ Format, and constructing a live hip-hop show unlike anything you've seen before.

Dizraeli & DownLow have long done hip-hop PA shows as a side-project to their band the Small Gods, but 2013 has seen them step it up to a brand new level - starting with a show opening for the Foreign Beggars to 3,000 people in Paris and shows at Koko, The Clapham Grand and Shepherds' Bush Empire in London as well as tearing up BoomTown Festival and Shambala Festival over the

summer.

Local people interested in learning about the art of Hip Hop have an amazing opportunity to be taught by some of the best in a 'Rhyme & Reason' workshop lead by Dizraeli & DownLow themselves. The workshop, priced at only £5, will focus on a brief introduction into the art of rhyming, how to write your raps and how to create your lyrical flow. This workshop is aimed at all ages and experience. Afterwards workshop participants can see their heroes on stage to give a showcase performance that evening.

The Rhyme & Reason Workshops take place at 3pm, with tickets costing £5 (plus booking fee) in advance from seetickets.com or from Lewis Ahmet (lewis.ahmet@hotmail.co.uk). Dizraeli and DownLow perform at 9pm, tickets cost £18 plus booking fee in advance from seetickets.com.

Age limit: 18+ or 16+ if accompanied by a parent or attended the workshop.

More information about this special musical event can be found at www.electricpalace.org.uk



Dizraeli and DownLow

Confessions of a Butterfly

The heroic story of a pioneer of children's rights

A MOVING drama about the visionary Polish educator who's work in founding an orphanage movement later became the inspiration for the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is being performed at the Thomas Hardy School on Thursday, February 27th at 7.30pm.

Confessions of a Butterfly, written and performed by Jonathan Salt, tells the story of the renowned Polish Jewish educator, physician and writer Janusz Korczak and his heroic work to save hundreds of children in his care from their ultimate fate under Nazi rule.

In this poignant drama, we spend the last hours in his company in his room in the ghetto orphanage. Surrounded by his children, he deals with their hopes and fears, and laughter and tears, as he contemplates his life and prepares to meet his destiny.

'Confessions of a Butterfly' is part of the Thomas Hardy School Holocaust Memorial Week commemorations where students will be taking part in drama, art and music activities, as well as hearing testimonies from those who survived the Rwandan genocide.

Tickets £10 / £8 / £5 / £30 family, are available from Dorchester Arts Centre on 01305 266926 or Tourist Information Office 01305 267992 or online from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

Bridport Youth Dance present Rewind 10x a celebration of 10 years of BYD productions

REWIND 10x is a collaborative production by Nikki Northover with additional choreography by Aimee Symes, Matt Flint, Carrie Willis, Niki McCretton and Anna Golding with musical compositions by Andrew Dickson, Matt Benjamin and Robert Lee.

Tap and contemporary dance will be performed by students from Bridport Youth Dance in a night of dynamic dance. Rewind 10x will also be featuring Bridport Boys Dance, members of Tapsity and former Bridport Youth Dance students Tessa Bide and Rebecca Whaley.

Performances of Rewind 10x take place

on Friday, February 28th at 7.30pm, and Saturday, March 1st at 3pm and 7.30pm, at Bridport Arts Centre

Tickets: Adults £10, Children and students £8, available from BAC box office, with some earlybird tickets available for concessions at £5. To book call BAC box office on 01308 424204

Rewind 10x is supported by West Dorset District Council, Bridport Town Council, Bridport Arts Centre, The Bull Hotel, Bridport Lions Club and The Rex Trevett Appeal Fund. For more details visit www.bridportyouthdance.org.uk

'See-Play-Do' returns to the Marine Theatre with the *The Girl and The Shoes*

BUILDING on its reputation for bringing the best family theatre from across the UK to our doors, the Marine Theatre's See-Play-Do scheme encourages creativity in young people through fantastic theatre for all ages, as well as the opportunity for interactive workshops and 'stay and play' fun.

This new enchanting fairytale, 'The Girl and The Shoes' (coming to the Marine Theatre on Sunday 23rd February 2014 at 3pm) transports the audience from rural France to vibrant Paris with a world of glamour and beautiful shoes.

Drawing on timeless classics such as The Wizard of Oz and Cinderella, The Girl and The Shoes is a contemporary piece of interactive storytelling for families. Combining visual arts with use of the French language, this is a unique show that will

capture imaginations, telling a story of love, courage and understanding.

If that wasn't enough, Valise Noire (the production's creators) is offering a bespoke and FREE workshop after the performance based on 'The Girl and The Shoes' for all audience members. So bring along a pair of your favourite shoes and get involved!

Founded in 2011, Valise Noire specialise in bringing the magical combination of performance and visual art together, creating new and innovative productions for all the family.

'The Girl and The Shoes' is showing at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday 23rd February 2014 at 3.00pm.

Tickets: £5.00 (from Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138 or via www.marinetheatre.com).

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Dave Heath – The Celtic
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YOU can enjoy a tremendous range of musical styles at the Bridport Chamber Orchestra's concert on March 2nd, ranging from Telemann's light-hearted 18th century Don Quixote Suite to Dave Heath's 20th century The Celtic, with a distinctly Scottish character. The performance also includes classical and romantic works by Mozart, Beethoven and Nielsen, so the programme is full of variety and interest.

Alexandra Ennis is the solo violinist for The Celtic; her experience in playing in a ceilidh band is put to full use in this modern folk piece. Alex also leads several local orchestras including the Axe Vale and Somerset County. The concert is at 3 pm in St Swithun's Church, Bridport, followed by teas. Tickets at £8 are available on the door, students free entry.

The Bridport Chamber Orchestra welcomes new players, of Grade VI and above, especially upper strings. If you are interested, please contact Caroline on 01935 824786, or Rosalind on 01279 444476.



Soloist Alex Ennis

The Tolpuddle Martyrs' Story Brought to Life in Bridport and Dorchester

TRAVEL back to Dorset, 1834 when Townsend Productions tell The Tolpuddle Martyrs Story.

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Mary tells the story of his transportation to Australia, how the women left at home survived with little or no money, and how they worked together, against the odds, to bring the men back to England.

The inspirational story of their determination, solidarity and courage is told using entertaining theatrical style, political cartoon, puppetry.

With music developed by folk legend John Kirkpatrick and plenty of opportunities for laugh out loud participation, it will be a rousing evening of entertainment for all.

Originally commissioned for the Tolpuddle Festival, the show went straight to Edinburgh and has been touring ever since.

We Will Be Free will be performed at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 21st at 7.30pm. Tickets: £10/ £8 Members and Concessions/ 20 x £3 concessions for people in receipt of benefits. Book at Bridport Arts Centre box office 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com



We Will Be Free will also be performed at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, March 1st at 8pm. The Corn Exchange doors and bar open from 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £10 (£8 for Dorchester Arts members and concessions) and are available from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

THE GREAT DINOSAUR HALF TERM HUNT

VISIT the Dinosaur Museum in Dorchester any day over the holiday period for the Great Dinosaur Half Term Hunt. Starting on Saturday 15th February and ending on Sunday 23rd February the Great Dinosaur Hunt is on all day every day from 10am to 4pm. The Dinosaur Hunt spreads throughout the whole museum and encourages children to explore and search out the answers to the clues of the dinosaur mystery. The Dinosaur Museum's exciting mix of fossils, skeletons, and life-size dinosaur reconstructions combined with hands on, interactive and video displays make it the perfect place for this event

"The Great Dinosaur Hunt is fun for kids with special dinosaur explorer sheets to help them unravel the puzzle. All those children who correctly crack the code and solve the dinosaur mystery win a special dinosaur hunter's certificate and sticker. The Dinosaur Museum is a great place for the family whatever the weather," said Tim Batty, the Museum's curator.

"There are plenty of things to see and do at this family attraction. Life-size reconstructions of dinosaurs. Including Deinonychus, Stegosaurus, a young T rex and of course Triceratops outside beg to be touched. In addition to this there are skeletons of

Megalosaurus, Hypsilophodon, and Ichthyosaurus amongst others, skulls of Allosaurus, Camptosaurus and Iguanodon, and a variety of fossils. Then there are hands on and interactive displays to absorb and amuse children."

The Dinosaur Museum is situated in the centre of Dorchester the historic county town of Dorset. It is open daily from 10am to 4pm. The Great Dinosaur Half Term Hunt starts on Saturday 15th February and ends on Sunday 22nd February. For further information telephone 01305 269880 or visit www.thedinosaurmuseum.com



Win a cooking demo and lunch with Mark Hix

HIX Oyster & Fish House are offering 2 lucky readers the chance to wash away those Winter blues and enjoy a day at his Charmouth home watching the Dorset chef prepare and cook a 4 course feast right in front of your eyes. After a Hix Fix cocktail on arrival to the little white lodge, enjoy stunning views of Charmouth beach whilst tucking in to 4 courses with wine as they are prepared.

To enter simply answer this question –

What is the name of the Food Festival that Mark Hix arranged in Lyme Regis in September 2013?

Send entries by Wednesday, February 26th to Alice@hixfoodetc.co.uk

The demo and lunch with Mark Hix will take place on Monday, March 3rd, from 11.30am-2.30pm. No cash alternative or alternative date available.

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Appetite

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Crispy Falafel with sweet chilli sauce

Talking about street foods, health, simplicity and doing only one thing well, here's our falafel recipe. Served crispy with a boundless choice of salads, pitta bread (surely even available at the local garage now!), and tangy sweet chilli sauce it's a sure fire deliciousness. The best falafel is made from chick peas soaked overnight and boiled for only 5 minutes so still a little al dente. This takes a little effort, so tinned are a close second, best to rinse really well though, and then dry thoroughly for best results.



CRISPY FALAFEL

Serves four comfortably

Ingredients;

400gm Cooked chick peas • 2 Cloves garlic, peeled and finely chopped
Half a large onion, finely diced • Fine zest and juice of one small lemon
1 Heaped teaspoon each of ground cumin, coriander and fennel.
Quarter teaspoon sea salt and ground black pepper
3 Dessert spoons panko breadcrumbs (ordinary breadcrumbs will do)
1 Dessert spoon plain flour

Method

Simply blend all the above ingredients together in a food processor. It is good to leave a bit of texture in the chick peas, IE so not a perfect smooth paste.
It is best to leave the mix in the fridge to "settle" for an hour, this helps it to bind and cook evenly.
Form into firm little patties approx 2cm in Diameter, pan fry in olive oil on a medium heat for two minutes on each side or until golden and crisp.

SWEET CHILLI SAUCE

This make plenty, the sauce will keep for a good few weeks in the fridge

Ingredients;

1 Small onion, peeled and diced
400gm chopped fresh tomatoes/ 1 tin chopped tomatoes
1 Dessert spoon tomato puree
2 Medium red chillies, seeded and chopped
3 Cloves garlic, peeled and fine chopped
1cm Fresh ginger, peeled and fine chopped
50 ml Pineapple juice • 30 ml Cider vinegar
50gm Caster sugar • 2 Star anisee
Quarter teaspoon sea salt • Juice of one lime

Method

Place all the ingredients apart from the lime juice in a medium sized saucepan, bring to the boil and simmer gently for 1 hour and fifteen minutes, or until the sauce has reduced by a quarter and thickened. Remove the star anisee, and add the lime juice and blend to a smooth sauce, cool and reserve for use.

Food trends of 2014

with Tierra Kitchen's award-winning chef Mark Evans

IT is interesting as a relative newcomer to the area to witness the rapid changes taking place in our food scene. That's not to say thousands of us are giving up a Sunday roast and opting instead for a raw food Sunday with fifteen uncooked vegetables with cashew nut cheese! However, tastes and demands are constantly on the move. It seems there are three huge new growth areas; New style, highly flavoured "street foods". Pastry and higher quality coffee and retro sweet things. Healthy foods, this being raw, gluten free, sugar free rather than 70s and 80s whole-food veggie. In addition local sourcing and foods of high provenance and sustainability are areas of continual growth.

Street food is an exciting area which presents good quality. Specialist stores are no longer only at Burrough or Brixton markets, we now find quality curries in Axminster market, locally produced halloumi in Bridport's farmers market, or specialist roast pork rolls in Lyme Regis. The great thing for us consumers is that these producers do only one dish, but consequently nail the quality. I believe we will see many more street foods around Lyme Bay in 2014, particularly multi ethnic fusion foods with high flavours. Bristol is experiencing "falafel wars" at present, with almost a gold rush mentality to grab shop and market space.

The Great British Bake Off seems to be fuelling a mini revolution in

quality cakes and pastries. Retro 1930s style cakes and twists on old classics are all the rage. Old world style sweet shops are making a comeback with jars of peardrops and bonbons reappearing, and all the time an insatiable appetite for better quality coffee. In Lyme Regis the new wave coffee house Amid Giants and Idols takes coffee to another level. The Town Mill Bakery provides great coffee and pastry, an example of doing one thing incredibly well.

My food developer buddy tells me that raw food has been the big growth area for the last few years and continues to be so. Restaurant's like "Saf" in London, and the ever popular Ottelengi are testament to this. Raw food dishes are popping up on restaurant menus, together with a big growth in demand for gluten free options. Dorset already has the "Rawfood retreat" near Sherbourne. Pretty much all cafés and restaurant's offer gluten free bread and menu options. It's probably only a matter of time before we see a specialist gluten free food outlet in the area.

Driving these three areas is the ever present desire for locally sourced produce, and wow this area thrives on it. From the fruits of the coastline to some of the best dairy in the UK, beyond the River Cottage to some excellent new wineries. If one had to choose an area to start a food business this area would be right up there.



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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

BEER: Jurassic Folk & Acoustic monthly Come All Ye, The Dolphin Hotel, Beer, 7.30pm. Free admission and everybody welcome. More info 01297 20064 or www.eastdevonfolk.org

LYME REGIS: Children's Sewing and Crochet Workshops at Woodmead Halls 10am-1pm. We will be having fun with fabrics & felt, and learning to crochet. Finger puppets, hearts, birds, pirates, mobile phone covers etc etc. Age 6-16. £15 per session (parents may choose to stay and join in free of charge). DBS checked, Fully Insured and First Aider present. Contact Keren Sansom on 01297 35906 / 07815 441115

LYME REGIS: Action medical research for children are holding an Antiques Valuation Day by Duke's Auctioneers, 10.30 am to 1pm, at Alexandra Hotel. Valuations available in silver, jewellery, paintings, collectables, clocks and watches and a general valued. Valuations £2 per item .stalls and refreshments available.

BRIDPORT: B Sharp invite - come along at 1.45pm for a short performance at 2pm at the WI Hall, North Street, DT6 3JQ. Everyone welcome. Come and see the amazing John K Miles at work with a small group of young leaders, musicians and vocalists from Bridport, Beaminster and Lyme Regis. 100 seats only, first come first serve or reserve with franwilliams@bsharp.uk.com

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

DORCHESTER: South Dorset R.S.P.B. Group. Philip Murgidge will talk about the many different species of birds in Bulgaria. Some more unusual ones than we see in Europe, Philip is a well known Wildlife Photographer. At St. George's Church Hall Fordington, Dorchester. The meetings are held at 7.45pm. Admission Group Members £3.00, Visitors £3.50 to include Coffee and Biscuit.

CHIDEOCK: Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

WEYMOUTH: Monthly meeting Weymouth & Portland U3A. Speaker David Snelling: 'Operation Henry - the sequel'. At St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road (DT3 5EW). From 10am. Organised by Weymouth & Portland U3A.

BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm, St Martin's Community Hall, (Next to the Church), Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

BRIDPORT: Gwyneth's Coffee Morning in aid of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and Cancer Research UK. 10am-12noon at Bridport United Church Hall. Stalls includes cakes, bric-a-brac, tombola, raffle, new 2 you, books etc.

COLYFORD: 'When Peggy Met Ella' with Sarah Moule and Shireen Francis at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Bar and refreshments are available. Tickets are £8

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BRIDPORT: Bingo at WI Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Cash prizes, raffle. In aid of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

BRIDPORT/WEYMOUTH/DORCHESTER: Local Singles Walking Group. Do you like walking? Are you single? Aged between 45-65? Local walking group meet every Sunday and walk about 8 miles looking for new members. For more details please call 07901 862588 or e-mail owls-walking@hotmail.co.uk

WEYMOUTH: Arts & Crafts event at The Riviera Hotel, Bowleaze Coveaway. Free entry for visitors, free nearby parking, toilets and baby changing facilities. Children welcome. Food and drink available. Doors open 10am. For more details call 07701 018180.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

BRIDPORT: Biodanza at Othona. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Monthly drop-in class (2nd and 4th Monday each month). Cost £7 (Concessions available - just ask) Free for Biodanza newbies! For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit www.biodanza-bridport.co.uk

WEYMOUTH: Weymouth Classical Recorded Music Society - Charmain Jones gives a programme devoted to Flute and Friends at the Acorns, Grosvenor Road, from 7.30pm. Further details: Tel 01305 779787

BRIDPORT: Durlston National Nature Reserve! Talk by Simon Breeze Conservation Ranger At Durlston Country Park In Swanage. At Unite Church Hall, East Street from 2.30pm. Non-members welcome. Admission £3. Includes tea or coffee and biscuits. For further information 01308 863577

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. The AGM will be held at the Lyme Regis Football Club at 2pm - please note change of venue. All members are encouraged to attend and all input is welcome. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Camera Club. Competition-Prints. Open - 2 entries; Special Subject - 2 entries - 'Metalwork'. At Beaminster Sports Pavilion at 7.30pm.

LYME REGIS: Organic food is a great idea but are there any downsides? Organic farmer, Will Best of Manor Farm in Godmanstone will try to provide all the answers in his talk "A balanced View of Organic Farming" at Woodmead Hall at 2.30pm. Organised by The Lyme Regis Society, entry costs £1.50 including refreshments and everyone is welcome.

BEAMINSTER: 'NOT Losing the Thread: the Museum's Flax & Hemp Project'. Talk by Dr Arnold Shipp, Project leader Beaminster Museum Whitcombe Rd, DT8 3BN. 2.30pm Admission £2.50. All welcome. For further information 01308 863577

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

UPLYME: Talk: 'The Winter Garden' by John Horsey at Uplyme Village Hall, from 7.30pm. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society. Members free, non-members £3. For more details call 01297 444034 or visit www.ulrhs.wordpress.com

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

CHIDEOCK: Whist at the village hall, from 7.30pm.
BEAMINSTER: Fr. Leonard Hollands will be speaking about Celtic Orthodox Spirituality at the next meeting of the One World Forum at 7.30pm in St John's RC Church, Shortmoor, DT8 3EL. Fr Leonard is a local artist with a special interest in ornithology and has had a career which included architecture as well as surveying. Entry £4 includes refreshments.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club, John and Di Tilsley 'Life after Slides'. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road from 7.30-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733 or go to the website www.lymebayphotographicclub.org

DORCHESTER: Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust - Dorchester Area Group - Peter Foster presents a slide show in the Dorset Room, Colliton Club, opposite County Hall, 7.30pm. Admission £2 Further info Tel: 01305 262121

BEAMINSTER: West Dorset Energy Debate Public Meeting. Talk by Dan Conaghan - presentation / Q&A by EDF Energy. At Public Hall, at 7pm. Organised by West Dorset Conservative Association and Conservative Policy Forum. For more details call 01300 321188

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Prepare your garden for Spring

A WINTER garden may look a little tired, a little drab, certainly not the showpiece it blossoms into in spring and summer. In particular, your vegetable patch is likely to be a shadow of its former summer self - perhaps you still have some spinach, silver beet, broccoli or some other members of the brassica family producing winter greens for your table, but the abundance of the warmer months is just a fond memory in July and August.

This quiet period in your garden's yearly cycle, though, does not mean you can rest on your laurels an absolute yourself of all garden duties. On the contrary, as we approach spring there is plenty to do to get your garden in tip top shape for the approaching growing season.

The Green House

If you have a green house in your garden, winter is a great time to give it a thorough cleaning in readiness for spring.

Check the structure itself - are there any cracked or broken panes that need replacing? Is the putty sound and does it provide a good seal? Do all the louvers and vents function properly?

One of the essentials of glasshouse success is a thorough sterilisation prior to the growing season. Sterilising all areas of the glasshouse will eliminate pests and diseases which could wreck your plants in the coming, warmer

months.

Open beds in your glasshouse should have their soil changed or replenished during winter and any pots in the glasshouse should receive the same attention.

Watering Systems

If you have an in ground or above ground watering system, winter is an ideal time to check that it is in good working order and perform any necessary maintenance. Check that there are no leaks in the pipes or joints, ensure all nozzles are unblocked and, if you use automatic timers, ensure that the batteries in these devices are fresh.

Compost and Preparing Your Soil

With spring a month or two off it's a good idea to start preparing the soil in your open planting beds. Dig in generous amounts of compost and leave the beds exposed to the winter weather.

If you have clay soil, cow pats and manure will improve it by adding humus to the soil structure.

You can make use of all those autumn leaves that litter your garden by digging them into your compost heap at the end of autumn. With the accelerated decomposition that occurs in a compost heap the leaves will decay twice as fast and be ready for use as compost at the beginning of spring.

Winter is also the time to add fertiliser and lime to your

soil (depending, of course, on the plants you plan to grow).

Planting

The end of winter is the time for planning your new vegetable garden. Decide what foods you want to grow in the coming season. Which plants can you fully consume yourself? And if you have a surplus, are there neighbours or friends who will accept the occasional bale of spinach or shopping bag full of spuds?

You may find it more efficient and economical to coordinate your vegetable growing with that of a neighbour. By swapping produce you'll both spend less time and money on the crops you grow.

Crops

As spring approaches you'll want to start laying down the crops you hope to feast on in the next few months. Here are a few common food crops you could consider

- If you plan to grow cabbage, celery, silver beet, spinach, lettuce, onions etc. from seed, plant the seeds now in seed trays so that young plants will be ready for planting in spring.
- Seed potatoes can also be planted in winter for spring crops.
- For dessert dishes it's the right time to plant strawberries and rhubarb.

- In warmer areas carrots, beetroot and peas can be sown directly into soil in the last part of winter.
- It's also a good time to plant citrus trees.

Plant Protection

The relative scarcity of food during the winter months makes pests even more ravenous and consequently puts your plants in greater danger from attack. Protect all seedlings and young plants from slugs and snails with an appropriate slug-killer.

Winter dampness can promote fungal diseases so spray winter vegetable plants and deciduous trees with an anti-fungal treatment.

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4. Water deeply, but infrequently.

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5. Mulch, don't bag.

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6. Go easy on the fertiliser!

Not all homeowners fertilise, but those who do have a strong tendency to overdo it. Fertiliser stimulates fast growth, thatch and the need for more mowing, which you don't want (after all, the goal is to have a beautiful and healthy lawn, not to create an arduous lawn care regimen!). And too much fertiliser just runs off, washing into streams and lakes.

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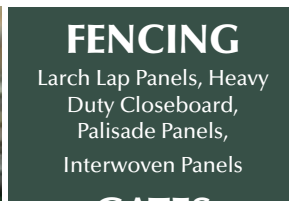
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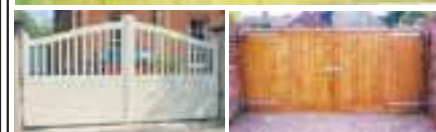
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From a classic rock tribute to opera at The Gateway

WHOLE Lotta Led are the longest running, full-time professional tribute to Led Zeppelin.

During 2013 the band went from strength to strength with the band's customary two and half hour shows receiving universal acclaim from Zeppelin fans the length and breadth of the UK and Europe.

Whole Lotta Led have always avoided using wigs and costumes, instead they focus on the music and the five-piece line-up recreates the sounds of Led Zeppelin's original studio albums to an astonishing level of accuracy.

For Whole Lotta Led it is all about celebrating the incredible music which Jimmy Page, Robert Plant, John Paul Jones and John Bonham created during their illustrious career.

All five members of Whole Lotta Led lived through the euphoric times of Led Zeppelin's 1970s heyday and all witnessed Led Zeppelin live, some more than once.

Since their formation in 1996 the band have continually led the field of Zep tributes and with over 1,300 shows to their name they have performed 'Stair-

way To Heaven' more than any other band in the world – including Led Zeppelin.

Approved by Jimmy Page, Led Zeppelin's legendary guitarist, John Paul Jones, Led Zeppelin's bassist said of the band "If you like Led Zep then you'll love these guys".

Whole Lotta Led are live at The Gateway, Seaton Town Hall on Saturday, March 1st. Doors open 7.30pm, with music from 8.15pm (approx). Tickets £13.50 in advance, £16 on the door.

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Borodin's defining Russian epic *Prince Igor*, famous for its Polovtsian Dances, comes to the Met Opera (New York) for the first time in nearly 100 years, and The Gateway, Seaton Town Hall will be streaming the performance on Sunday, March 2nd.

Dmitri Tcherniakov's new production is a brilliant psychological journey through the mind of its conflicted hero, with the founding of the Russian nation as the backdrop. Star bass-baritone Ildar Abdrazakov takes on the monumental title role, with Gianandrea Noseda conducting.

The New York Times said: "(Tcherniakov's) wonderful staging is dreamlike, wrenchingly human and viscerally theatrical. The impressive cast, with many Russian singers, is headed by the compelling bass Ildar Abdrazakov in the title role.

"His *Igor* has moments of Italianate lyrical refinement. He brings passion, even a touch of neediness, to his exchanges with his devoted wife, Yaroslavna, the Ukrainian soprano Oksana Dyka in her Met debut. She is a classic Russian soprano with a cool, penetrating intensity, fearless high notes, and a glint of steel in her sound."

The performance will be shown at The Gateway on Sunday, March 2nd. Doors open 3pm, with the performance at 4pm. Tickets £15 in advance, £17.50 on the door.

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Two of opera's greatest artists Jonas Kaufmann and Sophie Koch appear together for the first time at the Metropolitan Opera (New York) in a performance of *Massenet's Werther*. Kaufmann stars in the title role of Massenet's sublime adaptation of Goethe's revolutionary and tragic romance, opposite Sophie Koch as Charlotte.

Werther is an old-fashioned love story that ends in tragedy. It remains one of Massenet's most enduring popular operas, a tour-de-force for a tenor with acting ability and a sweet, dulcet tone.

It features a strong international cast with Sophie Koch as Charlotte and soprano Lisette Oropesa in the key role of Sophie.

The new production is directed and designed by Richard Eyre and Rob Howell, the same team that created the Met's recent hit staging of *Carmen*. Rising young maestro Alain Altinoglu conducts.

The Gateway will be streaming *Werther* on Saturday, March 15th. Doors open 5pm, with the performance from 6pm.

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AT the height of his career, Charles Dickens meets a younger woman who becomes his secret lover until his death.

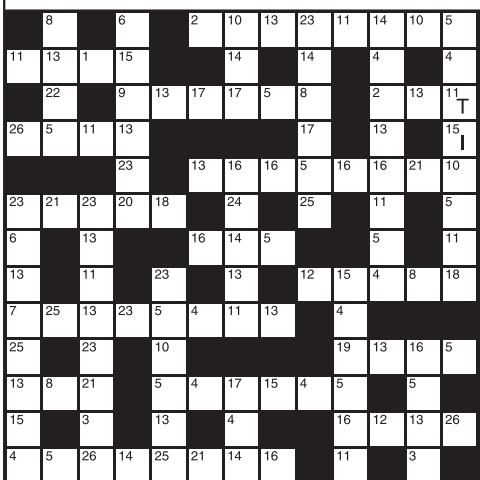
Stars Felicity Jones, Ralph Fiennes and Kristin Scott Thomas.

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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
H	Y	D	A	P	E	B	S	N	F	U	Q	O
V	C	T	X	W	Z	M	K	L	J	R	I	G

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

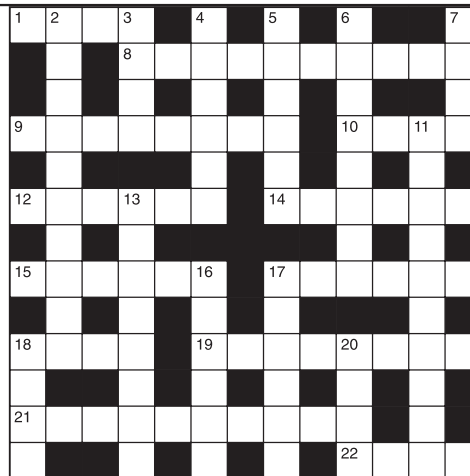
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Word associated with poker, but it's not flush! (4)
- One is certain to be this (10)
- Was present and listened (8)
- Stops and objects (4)
- It's not very often one gets a letter ahead of time! (6)
- Picnic, perhaps (3,3)
- His work's a grind (6)
- Walk the street with a list (6)
- Deserted port (4)
- Give an undertaking to shrink? (8)
- He's versatile, but liable to go to pieces (3,2,5)
- Take the last drop (4)

Down

- Order to the non-conformist on the track? (3,3,4)
- Vague letter of little value (4)
- Holiday when one is not at one's best (3,3)
- Promise to put a shelf on quietly (6)
- Film executive on board (8)
- Service accommodation (4)
- Unpopular second feature that's apt to grow on one (6,4)
- One of the family may be oriental (8)
- It has all the right ingredients (6)
- Various indications it's not raining (6)
- City where mail goes astray (4)
- Charge for a plant (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

- Girl (4)
- Victorious (10)
- Finished (8)
- Percolate (4)
- Painter (6)
- Show clearly (6)
- Resting (6)
- Threefold (6)
- Wound-mark (4)
- Cannibal (8)
- Happy (10)
- Above (4)

Down

- Dictatorial (10)
- Cease (4)
- Strip (6)
- Hinder (6)
- Punish (8)
- Pace (4)
- Great merit (10)
- Blend (8)
- Perpetrate (6)
- Ligament (6)
- Sieve (4)
- Too (4)

Sudoku

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	7	8		3		1		
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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	8	6	5	7	1	3	9	2
2	3	5	6	9	4	8	1	7
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1	5	3	7	8	6	2	4	9
6	4	2	9	1	5	7	8	3
7	9	8	3	4	2	1	6	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Dismantle; 8 Rye; 9 Gesticulate; 11 Present; 12 Alone; 13 Cheeps; 15 Define; 17 Muffs; 18 Hostile; 20 Reassurance; 22 Eye; 23 Eye-opener. Down: 2 Ire; 3 Alive; 4 Taunts; 5 Emanate; 6 Premonition; 7 Persevere; 10 Siege of Troy; 11 Pack-mules; 14 Passage; 16 Chaste; 19 Strip; 21 Cue. QUICK - Across: 1 Paralysis; 8 Own; 9 Crestfallen; 11 Dresser; 12 Alien; 13 Return; 15 Recede; 17 Class; 18 Average; 20 Intelligent; 22 Out; 23 Endlessly. Down: 2 Air; 3 Lotus; 4 Stairs; 5 Salvage; 6 Considerate; 7 Insincere; 10 Eventuality; 11 Direction; 14 Rosette; 16 Pallid; 19 Exile; 21 Nil.

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Spacious two bedroom property in Woodswater Lane



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Burton Bradstock

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- Three Bedrooms
- Popular Location of Dorset Village
- Countryside Views
- No Chain



Beaminster

£250,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Corner Plot
- Viewing Recommended



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Lyme Regis

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- Garden & Garage

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Axminster

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LYME REGIS - £315,000 – CENTRAL LOCATION



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LYME REGIS - £274,950



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LYME REGIS - £499,950



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EPC Rating: D. **£625,000**

THE ROWANS



This attractive brick built detached house is situated in a favoured residential area and benefits from gas fired central heating, double glazing, detached double garage and ample hardstanding. Worthy of particular mention are the enclosed level gardens which enjoy a south westerly aspect affording far reaching countryside views. The accommodation comprises canopy porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, spacious study/4th bedroom, kitchen breakfast room, utility room, master bedroom with en suite shower room, 2 further bedrooms and family bathroom. EPC Rating: C. **£310,000**

PLOT 29, STREAMSIDE



Prices start from £172,500 for a terraced 3 storey house offering a large master en-suite bedroom, 2 further double bedrooms and allocated parking space. The accommodation comprises entrance Hall, downstairs Cloakroom, Kitchen, Lounge, 2 double Bedrooms and Bathroom on first floor, master Suite on second floor with Shower room and Dressing area, Garden and Parking. EPC Rating: B.

WOODBURY PARK



This spacious 3 bedroom semi-detached family home is situated in this popular residential area, benefiting from gas central heating, double glazing and modernisation. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge/dining room, Kitchen, 3 bedrooms bathroom and garage situated in a nearby block. Viewing recommended. **£179,950.**

NORTH STREET



This 2/3 bedroom semi-detached bungalow is situated in a quiet location just minutes from Axminster town centre and benefits from private parking, a lawned front garden & a rear garden which enjoys countryside views. Accommodation comprises: Entrance porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, family Bathroom, front & rear Gardens, driveway provides private Parking, countryside views. EPC Rating: D. **£159,000.**

WOODBURY PARK



This 3 bedroom mid terraced family home close to the town centre benefits from gas fired central heating, a modern fitted kitchen, Garage and countryside views. Accommodation comprises: spacious Entrance Hall, Lounge / Diner, modern fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, separate WC, Garden & Garage. An internal viewing is recommended. EPC Rating: C. **£159,950**

THE CRICKETERS



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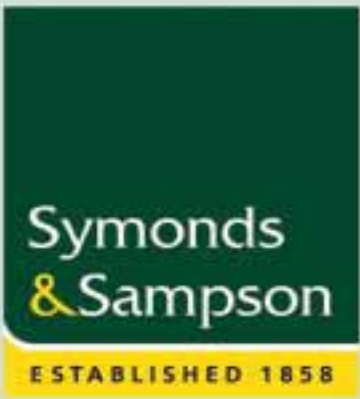


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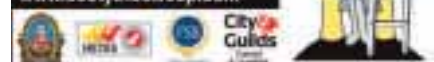
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Seat Leon Cupra: 265 Ponies For Just 265 Pounds

In a staggeringly serendipitous meeting of finance and metric horsepower, the new SEAT Leon SC Cupra is available from just £265 per month, on a PCP finance scheme.

The 36-month deal includes a £1,000 deposit contribution from SEAT UK and interest at just 4.9%, making the new Leon Cupra as financially judicious as it is phenomenally fast.

The SEAT Leon SC Cupra boasts a 265 PS engine capable of propelling the car from zero to 62 mph in just 5.9 seconds, pushing it on to a 155 mph top speed.

It's stacked with kit too, with a standard equipment list that includes 18-inch alloy wheels, full-LED headlights, rain-sensing wipers, DAB radio, and Cupra-specific styling details including a perforated leather steering wheel, sports seats trimmed in Alcantara, and Cupra-branded sills.

The SC Cupra underpins a family of Cupra models that gives buyers a broad choice; the new Leon Cupra range offers two body styles (three-door SC and five-door hatchback), two transmissions (six-speed manual and DSG automatic) and two power outputs (265 PS and 280 PS).

The Leon Cupra 280 DSG is the quickest and most powerful series production car that SEAT has ever made, boasting a 5.7-second 0-62 mph sprint made possible by the combination of a 280 PS turbocharged engine and a twin-clutch DSG gearbox, shifting through the gears in milliseconds. In addition, the standard fit mechan-

ical front axle differential in every version of the Cupra model helps ensure maximum traction at all times.

The Leon SC Cupra 280 DSG is also the most efficient of the range, with average fuel consumption homologated at 44.1 mpg, and CO2 at 149 g/km. Using the same PCP finance deal that bags an SC Cupra 265 PS for £265 per month, the 280 PS DSG model is just £305 per month.

All SEAT's Leon PCP deals benefit from a £1,000 deposit contribution paid by SEAT UK. If

a 50% deposit is placed on a Leon Hire Purchase deal (£1,000 of which is paid by SEAT UK), 0% APR finance is available on every car in the Leon range.

This finance deal also means that a Leon 2.0 TDI 184 PS – the most powerful diesel production car that SEAT has ever made – is available in SC form for just £199 per month. All deals are based on a 10,000 miles per annum contract.

For full finance and specification details on the entire Leon range, please contact the SEAT Press Office.



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2007(07) MERCEDES BENZ SLK 280 AUTO ROADSTER
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2009(59) BMW 320D M SPORT BUSINESS EDITION AUTOMATIC
£12,995



2008(58) MINI CLUBMAN COOPER S CHILLI PACK
£8,350



2010(10) AUDI A3 2.0 TDI SPORT CONVERTIBLE
£11,695



2009(59) BMW 320D M SPORT BUSINESS EDITION
£13,495



2009(09) HONDA C-RV ES i-CDTI
£12,995



2008(08) BMW 325D SE CONVERTIBLE
£12,995

2010(10) AUDI A3 2.0 TDI SPORT CONVERTIBLE, Metallic Brilliant Black, Full Audi Service History, Audi Bluetooth Phone, Cruise Control, Digital Climate Control, Parking Sensors, Electric Folding Roof, CD Player, Outstanding MPG, Only £30 Per Year Road Tax£11695

2009(59) BMW 320D M SPORT BUSINESS EDITION, Metallic Titanium Silver, Full Service History, BMW Business SAT NAV, Full Black Dakota Leather, BMW Bluetooth Phone, Cruise Control, Digital Climate Control, CD Player, Heated Seats, Outstanding MPG, Only £105 Per Year Road Tax£13495

2008(08) BMW 325D SE CONVERTIBLE, Metallic Sparkling Graphite, Full Service History, Beige Dakota Leather Interior, Cruise Control, Xenon Headlights, Parking Sensors, Auto Headlights & Wipers, Digital Climate Control, ABS Brakes + Traction Control, Outstanding MPG, Only £175 Per Year Road Tax£6695

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2006/06 VW PASSAT 2.0 SE TDI 5 DOOR ESTATE, Manual, Diesel, Black, 71,000 Miles, 13 Months Warranty, Full Service History, Superb Throughout, 2 Previous Owners, Full MOT, Warranted Mileage, Alloy wheels, RCD 300 radio/single CD player, Air conditioning**£6,495**



2000/W BMW 530 D SE 4 DOOR SALOON, Manual, Diesel, Silver, 180,000 Miles, Tax expires 31/12/2013, 13 Months Warranty, Well Maintained, Full MOT, Good Service History, Automatic air conditioning, 7Jx16 spoke style alloys**£1,995**



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2003/03 PEUGEOT 607 2.2 HDI SE 4 DOOR SALOON, Manual, Diesel, Grey, 80,000 Miles, Tax expires 29/04/2014, 13 Months Warranty, Full Service History, 2 Previous Owners, Full MOT, Superb Example, Satellite navigation system, Cruise control, Reverse parking aid, 17" alloy wheels**£2,495**



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DRIVERS failing to look after and replace their tyres are putting their own lives, and those of others in grave danger. The stark warning has been issued by TyreSafe after it received shocking images from one independent tyre dealer who was left flabbergasted by the state of one of its customers' tyres.

The tyre, which was removed from a high performance BMW 3-series, was so worn, none of its tread pattern remained, making it virtually useless in the wet. Furthermore, the wear was so great on one shoulder of the tyre that it had started to destroy the integrity of the tyre carcass, with potentially fatal high speed consequences.

"This particular tyre was an accident waiting to happen," exclaimed Stuart Jackson, chairman, TyreSafe. "Adequate tread depth is essential all year round, but particularly important just now when we are experiencing so much rain and difficult driving conditions. Checking your tyre tread depth is very simple and only takes a few minutes. It really is something that all drivers should do at least once a month to stay safe and legal."

Current UK law requires car drivers to have at least 1.6mm of tread on their tyres across the central three quarters of the tyre around its entire circumference. Those found to be in breach of this law can face fines of up to £2,500 and three penalty points per tyre. Indeed, in 2012 more than 170 drivers per week were successfully prosecuted in court for driving on defective tyres.

However, more importantly, driving on illegal tyres can greatly reduce safety on the road, especially in wet conditions. The tyre's tread grooves help to evacuate water from the road surface, enabling the tyre to grip the road properly so that the vehicle can brake, steer and accelerate safely. Without ade-

quate tread depth, all of these are greatly compromised, risking the safety of the driver, their passengers and other road users.

To help drivers quickly assess if their car tyres are safe and legal, TyreSafe recommends taking the 20p test. Drivers simply need to insert a 20p coin into the main grooves of a tyre. If the outer band of the 20p coin is visible when inserted into the groove, then the tread is probably too low and should be inspected immediately by a qualified tyre professional.

"Sadly, the bad weather shows no sign of subsiding at the moment so it's particularly important that drivers ensure their tyres can cope in these terrible conditions," adds Jackson. "If you're in any doubt then pop into your local tyre specialist who I'm sure would be delighted to check things for you."



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▲ Adequate tread depth is essential in wet weather

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Magpies news

Leaders despatched by magnificent Magpies

DORCHESTER TOWN 3 BROMLEY 2

Skrill South - att: 417

WHEN Bromley substitute Louis Dennis fired home and equalising goal just three minutes from the end of normal time on Saturday it looked the runaway league leaders had salvaged a point they didn't deserve.

But with just 32 seconds of the 90 minutes left, the evergreen Jamie Gleeson struck to give the Magpies the victory their performance from the opening whistle fully warranted.

Dorchester started the day rock bottom of the Skril South whilst their visitors held a comfortable eleven-point lead at the top.

Manager Phil Simkin gave starts to the two Torquay United loanees, Nathan Walker and Ashley Yeoman, who only joined the club 24 hours earlier, while Steve Walker, having finally completed his five-match ban took his place on the bench.

The ground staff had worked hard to make the pitch playable following gales the night before, but a heavy shower just before, and after 15 minutes play, made the surface slippery and it soon cut up making passing difficult.

Dorchester started brightly and, despite the difficult conditions, played some good football, with Jake Smeeton, Nick Crittenden and Charlie Lossaso particularly link-

ing well down the left, while Warren Byerley showed his skill and experience in holding the ball up well and bringing others into the game.

It was Byerley who had the first effort on target, his header from Lossaso's free-kick being gathered by Joe Welch, before Yeoman's shot was deflected into the keeper's arms.

Bromley were certainly not looking a top of the table side as the hosts dominated and it wasn't until the 19th minute that the league's leading goalscorer Bradley Goldberg fired just over the crossbar from the edge of the area.

Byerley, who withstood a lot of heavy challenges from the Bromley defenders all afternoon, then couldn't quite dig the ball out from under his feet as he met Lossaso's cross after playing a delightful one-two with the AFC Bournemouth loanee.

Goldberg then threatened again but could only drag his shot wide of the far post as Magpies keeper Alan Walker-Harris cut down the angle.

However, it was Dorchester who continued to play their opponents off the park, and it was unfortunate that the poor surface often denied them the chances and goals they deserved; Lossaso a victim when slipping as he tried a long range shot that he dragged wide.

Walker-Harris denied the persistent

Goldberg on 42 minutes when saved his 20-yard strike with his legs, but a minute later Dorchester were deservedly ahead.

Yeoman was brought to ground 22 yards from goal as he cut in from the right and Craig made it a memorable debut by firing a delicious curling shot inside Welch's left hand post.

Goldberg had another opportunity to equalise in first half added time when Nathan Walker's attempted clearance went straight to him 16 yards out, but he fired wide of the post.

Bromley were being outclassed by the Magpies, and with Gleeson doing a superb job in policing former Magpies playmaker Ashley Nicholls, their forwards were living on scraps, and they were soon two down shortly after the break.

The ball was neatly worked wide to Smeeton who fed Lossaso near the touchline. He jinked inside before releasing Smeeton down the left. He fired in a low centre across the six-yard box where Yeoman fired the ball into the roof of the net.

Skipper Mark Jermyn was booked soon after for his second foul on Goldberg who then had one final attempt at finding the net but fired wide again.

Nathan Walker went close with a near post header from Craig's corner, then at the other end, Bromley claimed the centre back had handled when he superbly

blocked a cross, but the referee ignored their pleas.

Despite using all their substitutes, including replacing both central defenders with strikers, Bromley were finding the Magpies resolute until eight minutes from time when Jack Holland headed a free-kick down for Jay May to spin and fire into the corner from 10 yards.

This gave Bromley heart and when former Dagenham & Redbridge striker Dennis scored on his debut five minutes later, it appeared the hosts were to be robbed of an impressive win.

However, with just seconds left of normal time, Nathan Walker picked out Lossaso wide on the left with a 30 yard peach of a pass.

He skipped down the line before laying the ball into the path of Gleeson who drilled it under Welch from eight yards to clinch a sensational, and thoroughly deserved victory, that lifts the Magpies move off the bottom of the table.

Hawks best in league

DORCHESTER TOWN 0 HAVANT & WATERVILLE 2

Skrill South - att: 208

MANAGER Phil Simkin believes Havant & Waterlooville are the best side in the league, and he hadn't changed his mind after the Hawks swooped with two Scott Jones goals, one in each half.

Dorchester & District Snooker

RESULTS and tables as at February 16th: WDC Whipping Boys 2 Purbeck Potters 4, Colliton XQ2013 3 Trinity Express 4, Trinity M 3 Colliton Hopefuls 4, Colliton Cons 4 West Dorset Club A 4, Trinity Gooduns 4 Colliton XQ2013 4, Purbeck Potters 6 Trinity Express 2, West Dorset Club 4 Colliton Hopefuls 2.

30+ breaks; G Haddow 43; D Matthews 43; S Rhone 41; M Beale 39.

Top break of the season: Evan Wellman (67).

Table (week 14)	Pld	Pts
West Dorset Club A.....	12	55
Trinity M.....	12	52
Trinity Gooduns.....	12	50
Colliton Hopefuls.....	12	49
Purbeck Potters.....	12	48
Colliton Cons.....	12	45
Trinity Express.....	13	45
Colliton XQ2013.....	11	36
WDC Whipping Boys.....	12	25

Team Open Knockout Cup semi-finals

Trinity M 4 Purbeck Potters 0, Colliton Hopefuls 0 Trinity Gooduns 4. The Final will be played on Wednesday, February 19th at the Trinity Club.

Team Handicap Knockout Cup semi-finals

Colliton Hopefuls 4 Trinity M 3, Trinity Gooduns 3 Colliton XQ 2013 4. The Final will be played on Wednesday, March 5th at the Colliton Club.

Rearranged league matches

Colliton XQ 2013 v Purbeck Potters - Thursday, February 20th. Colliton Cons v Colliton Hopefuls - To finish (score so far 2-3).

FINAL CALL
Snooker Individual and Pairs Knockout competition

MORE entries are required for the Individual Open and Handicap Snooker Knockout competitions, together with the Open Pairs, are to be staged at the end of the snooker season using the Colliton Club and Trinity Club tables.

The dates for the various competitions are to be determined once the entries for each competition are finalised.

In the meantime, the closing date by which entries will be accepted by the Secretary has been extended until Saturday March 1st.

FINAL CALL
Billiards League

More entries are needed for the Billiards League which will be run this year based on two man teams.

For this reason, the closing date for entries for the forthcoming season has been extended until Saturday March 1st.

youth rugby

Honours even

A BREAK in the recent wet weather meant that the visitors who'd travelled across the Ridgeway were able to take part in a full, if somewhat blustery, morning of under 8s rugby.

After a warm-up session with their own coaches the sides were split into teams, Dorchester fielding four teams whilst Weymouth fielded two.

Dorchester 1 put in some great tries coming from Michael Miller, Freddie Lambourn, Fynn Jones and Jacob Cope, coupled with good running and some accurate tagging from Joshua Keeping giving the spectators end to end rugby.

Dorchester 2 saw tries from Henry Bartlett, Tom Holding, Charlie Brookes

and Rocco Taylor. Again there was good running from all the team and dogged tagging from Stan Hoskin and Ben Senior.

Dorchester 3 had Euan Parker, Jasper Sennett, Cameron Boid and Fletcher Ross running in their tries. Consistent tagging and support from Daisy Allner and Ben Adler ensured tightly fought games.

Dorchester 4 had good tagging from Tom Martin-Lowe and Joseph Eversden with tries coming from Tommy Woolgar, Louis Stoker, Rocco Taylor and Sam Smith-Rose.

The mix of matches across the two teams made for even honours in the end, with all matches being tightly fought

Bandits stung by Winch Wasps

WEYMOUTH BANDITS 62
WINCHESTER WASPS 70

THE Wasps went into the game on the back of three straight wins in the Solent Mens Basketball League Division One while the Bandits were still looking for their first win of the season.

Vitoldas Balcianas opened the scoring for the Bandits with a strong finishes at the basket which came from good footwork.

The Wasps then scored six straight points due to some poor defensive rebounding giving the opposition second opportunities under the basket.

The hosts rebounding improved leading to some easy fast break points for Chris Canham. After their early lapse Sam Brown, Craig Sorrell and Jim de Bertrand finished strongly to give the Bandits a three point lead at the end of the first-half.

Weymouth had a good start to the second half as they saw fast breaks from Jake Kinder and Canham producing four straight baskets with no answer.

The guests mounted a comeback later on in the 3rd quarter with strong inside work from the Wasps centre Sampson outrebounding the Bandits big men after a short lapse in concentration and lack of boxing out from the team as a whole.

■ MVP:
Vitoldas
Balcianas



But the hosts finished the third strongly with good mid-range shooting from Sorrell and Carl Carter to go into the fourth with a slim two point lead.

In the final quarter the Bandits sought to put the game out of the reach of the Winchester side but the away side came out all guns blazing in particular Phillips who scored 10 straight points on the home team with only one reply.

A short two minute period saw good rebounding for the Bandits and baskets again from Canham and Sorrell but it was too little too late again for the Bandits as the Wasps ran out 70-62 winners.

Coach Alex Fuhrmann said: "It's that infamous Weymouth lapse that let us down late in the game; it's disappointing for myself and the team that we can't seem to be able to close out games."

"We just need to tighten up on our defence and start hitting our outside shots, and if we do this I'm confident that we will get some wins on the board."

"We have seen some good performances from our younger players at first team level so far this year and this is very encouraging for the future of the clubs senior basketball."

Roster/score: Canham 18, Sorrell 13, Balcianas 10, Josh Turner 4, de Bertrand 4, Brown 4, Carter 4, Kinder 3, Max Gilmartin 2, Giles Heaman.

Dorset League round-up

Balti House turn up the heat at the top

ONCE again the weather was the winner as it decimated the Dorset Football League fixture list with just six games played.

THE BALTI HOUSE took advantage by extending their lead at the top of Division One to nine points with a 5-2 victory over visitors AFC Cobham.

Grant Chance (3), Oliver Stanton and Adam Billings netted for the hosts with Dan King and Mark Seal replying.

REDLANDS moved into the top half of Division Two with a 3-2 victory over The Ship Inn Wool

on their 3G pitch with Will Sonner, Tom Hillyar and Michael Sonner on target for the hosts.

Visitors PORTLAND TOWN A were trounced 9-0 by Cranborne Reserves who as a result moved out of Division Four's bottom three.

There was better news from PORTLAND TOWN B who moved into the top three with a brace from Elliott Gould giving them a 2-1 victory over visitors MAIDEN NEWTON & CATTISTOCK RESERVES.

RESULTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

All games postponed
Senior League

All games postponed
Dorset League Division One

Balti House 5-2 AFC Cobham
Dorset League Division Two

Redlands FC 3-2 The Ship Inn, Wool
Dorset League Division Three

Mere Town Res 7-1 Sturm Marshall Res
Stalbridge 0-4 Broadstone

Dorset League Division Four
Cranborne Res 9-0 Portland Town

Dorset League Division Five
Portland Town B 2-1 Maiden Newton & C R

FIXTURES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

Blandford United v Parley Sports
Cranborne v Swanage Town & Herston
Merte Town v Tintinhull
Merely Cobham Sports v Poole Borough
Portland United v Holt United
Sherborne Town Res v Hamworthy Utd Res
Wareham Rangers v Bridport Res
Weymouth Res v Hamworthy Res

SENIOR LEAGUE

Gillingham Town Res v Chickerell Utd
Okeford Utd v Sturm Marshall
Piddletrenthide Utd v Kingston Lacy
South Cheriton Utd v Upwey & Broadway
Sturm Newton Utd v Corfe Mullen Utd
Westland Sports v Portland Utd Res
Witchampton Utd v Blandford Utd Reserves

DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

AFC Cobham v Bere Regis
Kangaroos v Dorchester Sports
Balti House v Swanage Town & Herston
Poole Borough Res v Milborne Sports
Poundbury Rovers v Stourpaine
Weymouth Spartans v Wincanton Town Res

DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Chickerell Utd Res v Sturm Newton Utd Res
Lytchett RT v Redlands FC
Parley Sports v Corfe Castle
Piddletrenthide Utd v Shaftesbury Town Res
Ship Inn Wool v Portesham Utd
Portland Town v Wyke Regis SC

DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Bere Regis Res v Donhead Utd
Broadstone v Mere Town Res
Handley Sports v AFC Blandford
Maiden Newton & Catt v Portland Town Res

Stalbridge v Stickland Utd
Sturm Marshall Res v Henstridge Utd

DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Corfe Mullen Utd Res v Portland Town A
Milborne Sports Res v Cranborne Res
Overmoigne v Kangaroos Res
Pimperne SS v South Cheriton Res
UFC Poundbury v AFC Cobham Res
Weymouth Spartans v Puddletown

DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Corfe Castle Res v Handley Sports Res
Lytchett RT Youth v Maiden Newton & C Res
Marnhull v Piddletrenthide Utd Res
Portland Town B v Wool & Winfrith

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

Sherborne Town Res v Shaftesbury Town

Barber trims the field

WHILE most of the successes at the recent Combined Services at Larkhill point-to-point meeting went to visiting trainers, Jack Barber flew the Wessex flag, winning two of the eight races.

The Crewkerne-based trainer took the reins when winning the Restricted in a field of 19 on evens favourite Subtle Sovereign who again impressed as he readily followed up his January 25th course success, winning by three lengths from Legal Legend.

He made it a double in the following race, the Ladies Open when Aikideau won by 10 lengths.

Bought privately by Sarah Barber, Pippa James and Sarah "SJ" Longman after carrying the Stewart family's Big Buck's colours under Rules, he opened his pointing account after jockey Bryony Frost grabbed the inside line rounding the final bend.

The next Wessex racing is the Countryside Alliance Club meeting at Badbury Rings (Dorset) on Sunday, February 23rd.

Results:
RESTRICTED (19 ran)

1. Subtle Sovereign (IRE) (J Barber, EvensF); 2. Legal Legend (T McClorey, 5-1); 3. Guido d'Arezzo (IRE) (McGorman, 7-1). 6min 28. 3l, 15l, (Jack Barber).

LADIES OPEN (9 ran)

1. Aikideau (FR) (Miss B Frost, 3-1); 2. Boomtown Kat (Miss R Talbot, 14-1); 3. Parstara (Miss A Mills, 4-6F). 6min 26. 10l, 8l, (Jack Barber).

Bowls

Severe on Severalls

Bridport Indoor Bowls

JOAN Griffiths, Barbara Jenkins, Brian Baker and Brian Morgan took top rink award in Bridport's Four Rink Mixed Friendly against Severalls (Crewkerne) winning 31-13, while Gerry Moss, Bernard Waterman, Beryl Stork and Phil Hedges were 6-5 up after nine ends before stepping up a gear to win 24-9.

Brian Parker, Rosie Wilton, Mel Griffiths and Martin Wilton shot into a 10-0 lead, but needed a two count on the final end to clinch a 19-15 win.

Despite a great lead from Sylvia Fletcher, Mike Fletcher, Keith Jenkins and Edna Cumberland went down 17-21 leaving Bridport 91-58 up overall.

Joan Griffiths, Millie Meech, Ann Turtell and Margaret Pestelle came close to taking two points against the Dolphin (Poole) in the County League, before dropping 3-2 counts over the last two ends to lose 16-20.

The league leaders showed their class though as Lyn Craddock, Laura Taylor, Edna Cumberland and Sue Walsh were beaten 10-25.

Rose Everett, Derek Fitzgerald, Laura and Bob Taylor picked up two points in the County Mixed League with a fine 23-9 win against Moonfleet; Francis Hewett, Barbara Jenkins, Chris Everett and Brian Rumble just missing out as they went down 16-17.

Dave Roberts, Peter Scott and Brian Conisbee secured two points for Bridport (B) in the Purbeck Trophy League defeating The Dorset Bowls Rest (Bere Regis) 19-13.

Bridport rugby

Blandford pack too strong to handle

Blandford 22 Bridport 15

TOP of the table Blandford hosted lowly Bridport at one of only four league matches to be played on Saturday.

The state of their pitch was borderline until a few minutes from kick off when a sudden deluge left water all over the squelching surface.

These conditions were to become an advantage to the heavier home pack throughout the game.

Perhaps Blandford were a little casual at the start because the visitors took the ball from the first scrum, passed it down all the backs for Nathan Herbert to dab the ball down in the right corner. Rory Greening converted and the Blues were 0-7 up almost immediately.

Blandford were stung into action by this impertinence and soon settled themselves to launch several promising attacks at the Blue's line. Bridport and the mud managed to withhold this pressure but from a penalty deep in the visitor's territory, the host's pack won the lineout and drove hard to the line, the number 8 spinning off the side to touch down in the corner for their first unconverted try.

The Blues recovered their composure to spend more time in the opposition half for the second quarter of the game. Rory Greening took advantage of the wind to attempt a successful long-range penalty to bring the half time score up to 5-10 for the visitors.

Ominously the wind freshened in the second-half in the home side's favour. Poor tackling allowed a big Blandford centre to brush off two tackles to score under the posts, and with an easy conversion take the lead 12-10.

Weak tackling seemed to spread across all the Bridport players, and failure to make first tackles gave the home side a running momentum which was very hard to counter.

The hefty Blandford pack pushed a maul about 30 metres up the pitch and won a penalty for Bridport seemingly dragging down the maul when the intention was to spin it around.

A kick to the corner saw a repeat of the first home try with the pack driving to the line for an unconverted pushover try.

The league leaders appeared to have the game by the scruff of the neck; their passing seemed to improve despite the torrid conditions of sleeting rain and wind, and when Bridport lost two key players to injury their heads dropped.

Blandford brought on fresh reserves and the final whistle would have been a blessing. Repeated scrums on the Blue's five-metre line brought on an inevitable further pushover try.

The pitch showed lines of stud tracks where the Bridport pack had locked out their scrum

but to no avail. No conversion gave the home side a 22-10 lead and it all looked wrapped up.

The weather conditions changed yet again in the final minutes of the match. The sun came out and Bridport suddenly regained some fire.

They forced their way back up the field to win a scrum close to the Blandford line.

Scrum half Ollie Everett took the ball and ghosted past three defenders to score close to the corner. Sadly no conversion but the boys were able to go home with a losing bonus point.

Bridport could take pride in their determination and in the respect of their opposition. Sadly the 2nd XV game at Ringwood was a victim of the weather and is now due to be played this coming Saturday (February 22nd).

The 1st XV are away to Salisbury at the weekend. All are welcome at the Bridport clubhouse for pies and pints to watch England v. Ireland at 4pm.

EXETER SARACENS U13 42

BRIDPORT 0

BRIDPORT came up against a strong Exeter Saracens side, and the winning start to 2014 the young Blues had enjoyed came to a halt.

Saracens travelled with a large squad and their stature and fitness was evident throughout.

With Sarries scoring four tries in the first half and three in the second-half with some conversions taken as well, the final score didn't reflect on how much spirit the under 13's played with.

This team know what they have to do to improve on this result when the face Sherborne this Sunday.

Bridport U12 25 Weymouth 10

BRIDPORT secured a sound victory at home to a 20 strong Weymouth squad in heavy conditions.

From the outset, Bridport played great attacking rugby with some determined drives from forwards and backs alike. The pack supported the ball carrier and held their structure well in defence, tackling hard and rucking over well.

Tries came from Eddie Gale (2), Otto Harvey, Christian Hand and Joe Ellsworth in what was a fantastic team effort.

Unfortunately a second game was called off early due to Harvey's injury, but good to hear that although bruised, he is well. Thanks go to Weymouth for lending players.

Bridport U11 56 Weymouth 5

EVICTED from their regular site by a threatening wind blown tree and an electric cable,



■ WAIT FOR IT: Bridport's Ollie Everitt (blue, standing) poised to pounce at a scrum in Saturday's 22-15 defeat at Blandford.

Bridport set up camp on the 1st XV pitch and treated the crowd to a crushing game of penetrating runs; one after the other as the forwards worked doggedly.

None more so than Callum Fowler and Ryan Phillips who rightfully share the honours as man of the match for all their efforts which was also supported by the rest of the pack to ensured the victory.

Six tries from Phillips together with one each from Seth Furner and Reuben Jolliffe, who converted all eight tries.

This was a game of individuals, impressive in ability but they need to work as a team. There was at times great continuity reflected in the cheers and applause of the loyal parents, but we need to see more.

Under 10s

THE storm abated, the sun shone, and a soft pitch; a beautiful day for rugby.

From players so young there was much to admire from both sides; bullet passes, tuck passes, loops, driving-on and tries; but that frequent lament of why so few leg tackles was heard yet again from the sideline.

In truth, Weymouth outscored Bridport, but replies from Toby Gale, George Found, Tegan Furner and the two Jack's, Tozer and Handford, ensured that the game was never going to be one-sided, and much was learnt of leadership.

A decision has been made to appoint Furner captain for the remainder of the season based on his ability, commitment, knowledge of the game and attendance at training.

He will need to work on his communication on the pitch, but his coaches feel that he will rise to the challenge.

There are other players, formerly quiet, who

made themselves noticed. We have discovered a seeker of the ball in Thomas Craven, a keeper of the ball in Billy Needham, and identified Will Smith and Jack Tozer as potential scrum-halves.

All we need now is full attendance at training, and a few more players. Readers please note!

Under 9s - Best performance

THIS was one of Bridport's best performances of the season against a very good Weymouth side.

Training sessions over the last couple of weeks paid off as the team showed great improvements in their tackling and passing.

Playing strongly as a team and moving the ball around well resulted in a number of tries which were scored by Cosmo Slight, Jude Wright and Daniel Batorski.

Bridport will now continue to work on these improvements ready for their next match.

Under 8s - Honours even

A SLOW start in match one saw the Blues narrowly beaten by Weymouth, but the improvements made toward the end of the second-half continued into match two for a Bridport victory.

Tries came from Charlie Brake, Henry Everitt, Dominic Burdett, Barney Johnson, Abi Alner, and Patrick May.

Under 7s - win against Weymouth

THIS was good day of rugby for the youngest Bridport side against their Weymouth counterparts with the leading try scorers being Maisy Herbert, William Banham, Kieran Coombs and Connor Rendell-Feather.

Football tables

Skrill South (bottom)	Pld	GD	Pts
Havant & W.ville (14th)	20	8	30
Farnborough	25	-11	30
Hayes & Yeading	23	0	28
Whitehawk	27	-12	28
Boreham Wood	24	0	26
Maidenhead Utd	23	-11	22
Tonbridge Angels	23	-13	22
DORCHESTER TOWN	25	-33	21
Gosport Borough	21	-13	19

Calor Premier (top)	Pld	GD	Pts
Hemel Hempstead Town	30	76	72
Chesham United	30	38	61
St Albans City	31	33	61
Stourbridge	30	47	56
Bideford	33	20	56
Cambridge City	26	27	55
Poole Town	23	22	45
Corby Town	27	7	42
Arlesey Town	31	-2	41
Hitchin Town	28	10	40
Banbury United	28	-7	40
Biggleswade Town	27	12	39
WEYMOUTH	27	-12	39
Burnham	30	-14	38
Frome Town	31	-18	35

Toolstation Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Larkhill Athletic	22	51	64
Bristol Manor Farm	28	48	62
Gillingham Town	25	38	57
Street	14	53	53
Willand Rovers	24	12	42
Cadbury Heath	25	5	37
Odd Down	21	12	36
Bitton	23	7	35
Melkham Town	25	-7	35
Hallen	22	3	33
Winterbourne Utd*	28	-15	29
Longwell Green	21	-7	28
Bridport	25	-5	27
Buckland Athletic	23	-2	26
Slimbridge	23	-15	22
Sherborne Town	22	-14	22
Radstock Town	24	23	19
Iffracombe Town	21	-33	17
Hengrove Athletic	22	-25	15
Bishop Sutton	24	-44	12

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
WEYMOUTH RES.	22	28	44
Hamworthy Res	20	38	39
PORTLAND UNITED	19	36	39
Merley Cobham	20	21	39
Mere Town	19	20	32
BRIDPORT RES.	20	13	31
Blandford United	20	10	30
Holt United	23	-14	27
Shaftesbury Town*	23	-18	26
Hamworthy Rangers	18	1	24
Cranborne	21	-33	23
Swanage & Herston*	9	22	22
Tintinhull	18	-6	22
Hamworthy Utd Res*	18	-20	18
Parley Sports	21	-25	18
Sherborne Town Res	19	-17	17
Bore Borough	22	-31	15

Senior League	Pld	GD	Pts
Chickertell Utd	13	19	32
Westland Sports	12	30	29
Sturminster Newton	11	15	24
Upwey & Broadwey	12	8	23
Corfe Mullen Utd	11	20	20
Portland Utd Res.	12	1	20
Gillingham Res.	12	-3	18
Witchampton Utd	11	7	17
Blandford Utd Res	13	15	17
South Cheriton	12	-5	15
Piddletown Utd	17	-20	12
Sturminster Newton Utd	12	-2	10
Kingston Lacy	14	-33	8
Okeford Utd	12	-34	3

Dorset Division 1	Pld	GD	Pts
Balti House	15	17	37
Milborne Sports	14	26	28
Weymouth Spartans	15	-1	28
Dorchester Sports	14	18	27
Kangaroos	13	10	25
Poundbury Rovers	14	23	25
Wincanton Town Res	11	7	19
Poole Borough Res	10	0	13
Swanage & Herst Res	13	-9	13
AFC Cobham	14	-18	12
Bridport 3rds	13	-8	11
Stourpaine	13	-15	8
Bere Regis	15	-34	4

Dorset Division 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Lytchett RT	13	47	36
Parley Sports Res	13	20	25
Portland Town	10	8	25
Portsmouth Utd	10	8	23
Wyke Regis SC	15	0	23
Shaftesbury Town Res	11	5	20
Redlands FC	14	2	20
Corfe Castle	14	1	19
Chickertell Utd Res	12	1	18
Gillingham Town A	13	0	16
Wareham Rangers Res	10	-1	11
Piddletown Utd	16	-21	11
Ship Inn, Wool	17	-31	11
Sturminster Newton	17	-29	6

Dorset Division 3	Pld	GD	Pts
Stickleland Utd	15	33	35
Broadstone	16	30	33
Henstridge Utd	13	9	28
Mere Town Res	14	29	27
AFC Blandford	10	19	24
Handley Sports	15	4	22
Maiden Newton & Catt	8	22	21
Stalbridge	13	-13	16
Sturminster Newton	15	-25	11
Portland Town Res	15	-38	7
Bere Regis Res	10	-29	6
Donhead Utd	14	-52	3

Dorset Division 4	Pld	GD	Pts
Puddletown	12	26	29
Milborne Sports Res	12	15	25
Portland Town A	15	-1	23
Owermoigne	11	8	21
Weymouth Spart Res	12	-3	20
Pimperne SS	13	7	19
UFC Poundbury	13	-17	17
AFC Cobham Res	10	2	16
Cranborne Res	13	0	14
Kangaroos Res	14	-14	12
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	12	-12	9
South Cheriton Res	11	-15	7

Dorset Division 5	Pld	GD	Pts
Portland Utd Youth	13	29	31
Lytchett RT Youth	13	23	28
Portland Town B	17	-26	22
Corfe Castle Res	13	7	21
Broadstone Res	10	8	19
Wool & Winfrith	10	8	18
Manham	11	5	16
Handley Sports Res	10	6	13
Piddletown Res*	11	-8	10
Okeford Utd Res	13	-30	8
Maiden Newt & C Res*	9	-22	3

Shorter trip pays off for Somerset Lias

REALISING how sapping the recent poor ground was, local trainer Bob Buckler decided to run Somerset Lias over two miles at Wincanton on Saturday despite it not being his ideal distance writes Stuart Broom.

"He is only a young horse, and although ideally he needs much further, I felt it was foolish to run further in the conditions which were extreme, and unfair to the welfare of the horse."

Buckler's experience was proved right as the six-year-old ran a superbly to finish third in the Bathwick Tyres Salisbury Novices' Hurdle.

"He ran a blinder; he jumped well and stayed in the race. He was hampered in the final straight which didn't help his chances but he stayed on. Without a clear run Sam Jones switched him to the right in the last 100 yards and he got up to snatch third on the line by a neck.

Buckler added: "That was his third handicap qualifying race and it will be interesting to see what the handicapper puts him."

Tinker Time found the ground just too much for him earlier in the card, and was brought home safely in sixth after being in with a chance three out in the 2¾ mile Bathwick Tyres Yeovil Handicap Hurdle.

It was the worst result of the six-year-olds career who finished second at Exeter last month in soft ground, but he hated the heavy going and once beaten was nursed home Liam Heard.

Lyme Regis Golf

Di's stableford delight

BY RICHARD JACKMAN

LYME ladies managed a 15-hole stableford competition on Thursday before the wild weather set in the following day.

Di Smith won with a competitive 29 points from Jane Southcombe 28 points and Anne Humphreys on 27. Jane also won the 2s pot.

Just an addendum to last week - congratulations to John Toates who finished 2nd equal with

Alastair Purcell in the Wellings Salver, a seniors' competition where the best six stableford scores count.

Although a few trees and branches have been lost to the winter weather the course has stood up very well, and golf has been possible on most days especially the 15-hole layout, a testimony to the hard work of David Everett and his green-keeping team.

Perry Street League Derby-day stalemate

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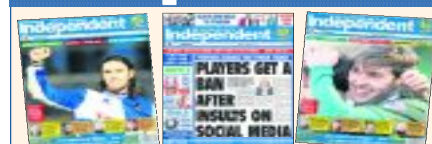


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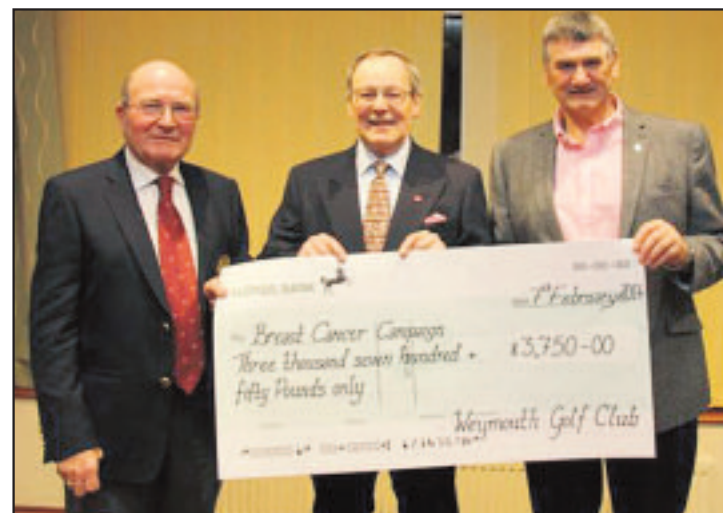


WEYMOUTH Golf Club members once again proved their immense generosity by donating £3,750 each to both the local Fortuneswell Cancer Trust and to The Breast Cancer Campaign. This was achieved through Pink Day which took place last summer.

Dave Picton the organiser, wished to thank all the people who gave up their time to make it a very special day and to all the participants and sponsors who made the event so successful.

Pink Day has raised over £47,000 for Cancer Research during the last five years.

The photo right shows Centre Peter Johnstone of the Breast Cancer Campaign receiving a cheque from club captain Colin Huckle (left) and organiser Dave Picton (right), and the photo on the left of Paul Ryan from the Fortuneswell Cancer Trust receiving his cheque.



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